
APPENDIX A

THE COMMUNITY DESIGN PROCESS

Participation Design Process Overview

The City of Cincinnati Planning Department contracted with Kenneth Cunningham & Associates Inc (KCAI) for the Over-the-Rhine (OTR) Comprehensive Plan enhancement area studies.

Our design team included:

- Kenneth Cunningham & Associates Inc, *Ken Cunningham, John Spencer, and Bill Slone*,
- The University of Cincinnati Community Design Center (UC-CDC), *Frank Russell director, students Irena Verkovskaya, Steve Filigno and Jason Ramsey*
- Olika, *Laurie Siebert (an environmental graphics firm)*.

The City of Cincinnati Planning Department working with the OTR Steering Committee formulated four Issue Committees, Quality of Life, Housing, Economic Development, and Transportation. Each of these groups, as well as the Steering Committee, are made up of neighborhood residents and other stake holders in the OTR neighborhood representing all walks of life, from the Drop Inn Center homeless shelter to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. The Steering and Issue Committees had spent the previous two years developing the framework of the Comprehensive Plan. It was out of this body of work that the City Planning Department and the Committees chose the following focus areas for our team to work on.

1. Liberty Street - a major East West linking I-75 with I-71
2. Findlay Market East - an area centered around the historic market house and surrounding shopping district and extending east over Vine Street. This area also includes OTR Recreation Community Center, a city job training center, Findlay Ball Field, a senior service center and mixed housing opportunities.
3. Washington Park East - Cincinnati's Central Park surrounded by Music Hall, Memorial Hall, a homeless shelter, several churches, a grade school, and a variety of housing types from single family to 5 story apartment buildings.
4. Vine Street - the major North South street connecting the central business district on the Ohio river and the University of Cincinnati and Hospital District at the top of the hill and extending out into the suburbs. Vine street is still the center of commerce in OTR

Kenneth Cunningham and Associates focus was working with these committees and additional participants utilizing our participatory design process to bring a community based awareness and vision to the OTR Comprehensive Plan.

To demonstrate this community participation design process which KCAI developed and copyrighted in 1975 we will review the process as utilized for the Findlay Market East Area of the OTR Comprehensive Plan.

Site Analysis

To start the process, KCAI prepared a site analysis for each of the areas. The Site analysis identified places in the neighborhood focus area that stand out either because they work, or they don't contribute to the neighborhood. We develop this site analysis by physically touring the community and interviewing stakeholders, here we able to utilize the previous work accomplished by the Issue Committees. Most often the Site Analysis is a display, a map of our focused studies that attempts to hold a "structural conversation" in existence. From this map KCAI pinpoints nine or fewer locations that become the stopping points. These stopping points and with a series of questions are developed into the first phase of the public participation process that starts to elicit the community conversation into existence.

The First Participation: the Walk Through, Site Awareness, Visioning Process

The Participation Events are held on a Saturday morning. Sweet-rolls and coffee are provided for the participant group and a short amount of time is given for the participants to get to know one another before we start. A brief introduction and review of the process is given and then we randomly divide participants into groups of six people. Each group then chooses a reader and recorder to read each question and record the answers as they walk from point to point along the route. The groups are then sent out starting at various locations on the map, minimizing the number of participants at any one location at the same time, and then each group proceeding along the path to complete the circuit of stopping points and questions.

At each location the reader reads the question. Each question starts with a short descriptive of the location "standing here on Elder Street south of the Recreation Center", directions for what to do "looking all around, looking close in and further away when you are ready

answer the following questions". A final instruction for each group is "Let the people in your group who live in OTR go first". Then the questions "When I look I see, When I look I know, When I look I Assume, When I Look I Envision". At the first stop on the map the reader would read the leading question description and then ask, "When I look I See". The recorder would then write down the observations of the group. The reader would then ask the next question "When I look I assume", on so on. After answering the final question "when I look I envision" the group would move on to the next stopping point on the map, until they finish the entire questionnaire. When complete with the questionnaire, the groups return to the starting point for lunch. During lunch the groups are asked to circle their 3-5 high priority visions before turning in the questionnaire.



Participants in the Walk Through Process

KCAI takes the completed questionnaires and prepares a complete list of all the recorded Seeings, Knowings, Assumptions and Visions. From this list we develop a Vision Statement for each question. The Vision Statement recreates the overall mood of the collective visions recorded in the walking participation. To complete and fully capture the participants visions we include a list of “So That’s” specific items that are intended to be a part of the outcome of the Vision Statement or would support the Vision Statement. As preparation for the next Participation Session the Simulation Process, we compile a list of the physical design items from the compiled walking participation Seeings, Knowings Assumptions and Visions.



Participants gather around the participation board.

The Second Participation the Simulation Process

KCAI and UC-CDC prepare a large map of the site for the simulation board. This map accounts for the information collected during the site analysis and physical data taken from the CAGIS mapping system. Along with the basic buildings sidewalks, streets, existing trees and parks, we indicate the type of occupancy for each building i.e.; residential, commercial store fronts, industrial, city services, parks/recreation, churches and institutions. It is also indicated if the building is occupied, partially occupied, or vacant. For each of the physical design items compiled from the walking participation a simulation symbol is chosen and prepared in generous amounts to accommodate the process. Additional blank pieces are included to accommodate any additional items that the participants create during the simulation process.

The participants gather on a Saturday morning (usually no later than two weeks after the First Participation) and are given a brief time to greet each other over coffee and rolls before we start. The room is set up with the simulation board and containers of design pieces in one area, and close by there is a circle of chairs set up for a conflict resolution process. The basic instructions are for the participants to use the design pieces and create their basic design for the area.

As conflicts occur, where two or more ideas are expressed for a specific area, the simulation is stopped and everyone moves to the circle of chairs. Someone representing each side of the conflicting issues takes two center chairs, the other participants fill in the circle. As each side expresses their issue, the group is charged with listening for openings that would allow both sides to win in a solution. The participants are then called on to suggest possible solutions for the conflict. This continues, within a limited time frame, until the participants agree upon a solution or agree to disagree on a solution for this area. The simulation board is then marked with a balloon for a successful negotiated solution or a dagger for a continuing conflict. The conversations during this process are recorded. The design uses these conversations along with the markers for each area during the design development process. After each conflict resolution session the participants return to the simulation board. This process continues until the participants feel they are complete with their design.



Participants try to solve a conflict.



The simulation board.

Design Development Process

The KCAI and the UC-UDS design team takes the simulation board and refines the design expressed by the participants. Much care is taken in reviewing each area to determine that the intent of the participation work is followed in the design development. We know if we are representing the communities' design if they recognize themselves in our work!

Presentation and Feedback from Community:

As the final step the design is presented to the participation group. During the presentation the group is given post-it-notes. Questions are taken and in addition everyone is encouraged to make comments on the post-it-notes and place them on the design to record their comments on the final design.

We wish to acknowledge each and every person who participated in this process. Including the generosity of Kaldi's Coffeehouse & Bookstore, Shadeau Breads, Ollie's Trolley and Krogers for donating all the coffee, sweet rolls, lunches, and spring-water respectively.

Note: The process described above is copyrighted by Kenneth Cunningham and Assoc. Inc.

What's Next:

An overview from the design team as a place to start.

Transportation:

- Simplify, to be consistent in one way street directions, and traffic control.
- Local mass transit loop system to provide neighborhood /downtown transportation services. (could include the UC area in this system) This could be a buss or trolley based system.
- Parking, City provided parking for neighborhood use in the form of lots and garage structures, as density of use requires. Control of on street parking setting aside areas for resident only parking zones as found in Chicago and other large cities.

Quality of Life:

- Creating places that welcome individuals, urban pioneers, to become developers and stake holders in the area. A safe and clean aesthetically pleasing environment that capitalizes on the historic architectural resources.
- For the City to focus its resources on a manageable area of the plan and having complete success with the selected area before moving on to the next area.

Economic Development:

- The City and other stakeholders to support local business development in: finding locations, developing straightforward processes for assistance, and place new and support existing businesses that want to be located in critical mass area of growth.

Housing:

- Providing incentives for developers to provide homeownership opportunities. Homeownership opportunities should include all economic levels.
- Provide incentives for people to move into the city, grants or tax incentives tied to a length of stay could be coupled with Hamilton County's interest rate reduction program for homeownership.
- Develop a DYI condominium or co-op housing creation package that would assist individuals to become developers of the many 5-8 unit building that fall outside of the residential mortgage packages currently available.

OTR Comprehensive Plan LIBERTY STREET CORRIDOR PARTICIPATION



The following pages contain the results of the Liberty Street Corridor Walk-through Participation.

After the answers were tabulated, “Vision Statements” and “So that’s” were abstracted from the results. These Vision Statements and So that’s were then presented to the participants of the walk-through to review and discuss before the design documents were started.

Liberty Street Participation Map showing locations for question stops.

1. Liberty Street and Vine Street

Vision Statement:

To acknowledge this major intersection as OTRs central crossroads,

So that:

- Buildings on the four corners have powerful uses and a refined physical presence consistent with the neighborhoods historical character (St. Francis Church and The Guild House as models)
- Vacant buildings and health clinic are renovated/restored to be more compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood
- Mixed use strategies are promoted
- Buildings and streetscapes are supported with green-space and pedestrian amenities, providing a strong civic open space feel at the crossroads
- Vehicular traffic is slowed and accommodations for pedestrian crossing and gathering spaces are enhanced

1. Starting here at the intersection of Liberty and Vine, looking all around looking close looking farther away.

When I look I See:

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| • Kroger, paint store | • Corner stores and clinic | • Flower boxes |
| • A lot more people | • Traffic lights in heavy traffic | • Billboards |
| • No Benches | • Parking on all sides (meters) | • Stucco over brick |
| • School and church | • More people walking | • 5 steeples |
| • Ugly health clinic | • Bus stops on Vine | • Lots traffic (auto-vehicle) |
| • National headquarters of Kroger vs Jumble below | • Back of Husman's Potato/St. Francis Bookstore | • Wide streets |
| • Lots of signs, lots of wires | • Vacant theater in vacant buildings | • "The" school |
| • Sides of buildings along south side of Liberty, Oasis of St. Francis | • Residential housing over commercial business | • Shell Station |
| • Very old church and school (elementary) | • Two-lane traffic - north and south -- 4 lane -- east and west (lot noticed) | • Vacated buildings |
| • Lots of trees on northwest and southwest corners | • Med center | • Broken windows |
| | | • All types of fencing |
| | | • Lots of retail |
| | | • New trash receptacles |

- Kitchen exhaust up the side of the building/Alabama Fish
- Can see downtown
- Graffiti
- Busy vital
- School/soup kitchen
- Shoppers
- Gas station
- Franciscan presence
- No windows
- Heath center
- flower boxes
- abandoned theater
- Smitty's
- Downtown to the hills

- Guild House
- Central to Liberty
- St. Anthony
- Hart Realty
- Alabama
- Check Cash
- Kroger
- Vital neighborhood
- Institutions
- Southwest
- Clean up outside of building, remove signs, fix up facade
- Some greenery
- Noisy

- Resident based cultural and commerce
- Corporate symbol (Kroger)
- St. Francis School
- Crossroads Medical Center
- Billboards
- Heavy traffic
- Old building in need of repair
- Pretty flowers
- Pedestrians
- CBD
- St. Francis Bookstore
- Guy sitting in trash can
- Church steeples

When I look I Know:

- Good school
- Parish outreach
- Good bookstore
- Trucks load at Husman's
- Lots of green on hillside
- Street was wider to south
- Very busy, active
- More residential oriented
- Busy intersection with people walking and lots of cars
- There is a Catholic church and school
- Clinic (grass-root) store and check cashing
- No turn left south on Vine Street to Liberty
- West on Liberty no turn left to Vine Street
- I can see Liberty Hill
- You must pay to park
- I have to be very careful walking street or driving

- If I'm hungry on MWF, soup kitchen is open to get sandwiches (AM)
- There's fencing around St. Francis parking lot
- Hard to cross Liberty Street
- Seeing one Guild Haus, I know people want to live here
- Lots for sale
- Businesses still on Vine
- Lots of stuff under the street
- It's noisy
- Great school
- There are dedicated organizations
- It's busy
- Two-way
- Fear and suspicion of development
- Class distrust
- It's loud
- Southern demur

- Corners were once square
- Too many cars
- Accessible walks
- Kroger is a shame
- Drug dealers
- A lot of littering
- South on Vine--bustling business community overshadowed by vacant Buildings--needs to be demolished or renovated
- Stability in north side businesses
- Kroger, paint, hardware stores--vibrant community center
- Area is busy
- Traffic congestion
- Vine Street used to be one way
- There is a lot of residential
- There is a lot of commercial
- This is the center of OTR

When I look I Assume:

- Church always going to be here
- Vine will always be THE MAIN street
- Need a parking garage
- Vacant lots owned by Restoc
- St. Francis Church and School will be there (north side Liberty)
- Crossroads will remain
- SW corner will be redeveloped
- Clean-up, green space--with flowers in improved island
- Will always be a busy intersection

When I look I Envision:

- Liberty Street should be a thru-way
- Should not just be a drive thru
- Encourage the development of existing small business
- Less clutter
 - Put electric underground
 - Kiosks - tie four corners together
 - Rebrick or tear down crossroads building
- Grass can replace concrete in front of St. Francis Church
- Centerpiece of OTR-Central part of neighborhood
- More street vendors
- More viable, vibrant corner
- More trash cans
- More benches and bus stop shelters
- Trees in the middle of Liberty Street/boulevard like

- Vine Street will return to one way
- It's going to get better
- It's safe during the day, but not as safe at night
- Business has been hurt by the riots
- The school and the church will stay
- That the prostitutes will be here forever
- Lots of potential
- "bunch of jerks around here:
- Could be safer
- Health center could be better
- Liberty and Green is drug area

- No overhead wires
- A "neighborhood hub"
- European plazas - small park areas
- Park benches
- Vacated buildings full again
- Tickets polluting cars (noise, fumes)
- Square corners
- Lessen the radius
- Historical info signage
- Longer crosswalk lights
- Sound for the blind
- Different supermarket
- Mixed-income
- Theater working
- Vacant buildings reused
- Realistic pricing for buildings
- More pedestrians - less cars
- Northbound rail - no loss of sidewalk
- Renovate theater - reopen

- Vine and Fourteenth=drugs
- The medical center could be reused, refaced
- There would be parking
- The housing and business needs are not adequate
- There is a lot of vacant space
- Traffic is a problem
- Not enough public space to sit, etc.
- There is no green space

- Re-landscaped with road improvements
- Neighborhood crossroad pedestrians/seating
- Meeting place
- Plaza in front of church
- Park behind wall - would like to see walls come down but understand privacy
- More green space and benches
- Healthy business community and housing
- More trees
- More people
- More pedestrian traffic to stores, etc.
- Light rail coming out of tunnel at SE corner
- Building renovations

2. Liberty Street and Pleasant Street

Vision Statement:

To strengthen the residential character of this neighborhood sub-district and improve linkages north –south
(to/from Findlay Market and Washington Park/School)

So that:

- Existing buildings are renovated and better managed / maintained
- Vacant lots and buildings are redeveloped with an emphasis on single family, affordable and mixed income residential home ownership and small neighborhood support businesses.
- Green streets and pocket parks are provided with adequate plantings, lighting, visibility and pedestrian amenities to create the feel of a safe and desirable residential neighborhood
- Opportunities to involve neighborhood residents in community gardens that may relate to Findlay Market are integrated
- Improvements are made to Liberty Street to make pedestrian crossing easier and safer
- Trash, billboards, overhead utilities, security fencing and parking lots are minimized and or visually buffered

2. Walking west to the intersection of Pleasant, standing here, looking all around, close in and farther way, and all that's in between.

When I look I See:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abandoned buildings• Parking - unused spaces• Lots of Denhart• Model management• Wide street• KFC• One-way street north to Green• Lots of fences• Some trees on south side• Meyer Roofing• Billboards on building• Traffic electric wires• Pot holds• Vacant lots | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weeds, litter• Findlay Market• Vacant buildings• Parking lots• Dumpsters• Overgrown weeds• Board-up/empty buildings• Non-functioning commercial buildings• Fast food restaurant• Barb wire• Wide street without crosswalk• Missing windows in occupied buildings | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No trees on north side of street• Street needing re-paving• Southwest<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Building which needs to be demolished→ KFC set back to provide for more sidewalk but limited use of landscaping, particularly at Pleasant• Southeast<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Good fence but vacant lot• Northeast<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Has use changed? Shouldn't it be required to pave or fix? |
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- Pleasant to north seems residential
 - Needs cleaning
 - Trash
 - Abandoned building
 - Fenced parking (over grown)
 - KFC
 - Washington Park School
 - Market to elementary - corridor
 - Hillside
 - Signage
 - P. of Peace Church
 - Western Hills
 - Ballet
 - Boarded windows
 - OTR properties
 - Dumpster-full

- Cool alleys
- Six steeples
- Saturation of subsidized housing
- Findlay Market – Pleasant two one-way streets meeting head on at Green Street
- Litter
- Washington Park School
- KFC
- Small buildings that could be converted into single family or two-family
- A "not so" pleasant street
- Billboards
- Lots of blight
- Need repair/other vacant buildings

- Cars that don't run
- Some buildings that are and are not boarded
- More trash
- KFC
- Unfinished parking lots
- Lot of signage
- Attached billboards
- Signs painted
- More people walking
- More low-income housing
- One-way going north
- Busy intersection with no crosswalks

When I look I Know:

- HC accessible sidewalk
- People don't own the buildings
- No place to sit
- Denhart
- Tight corner
- No benches at bus stop
- Be careful crossing street here
- This is depressed area
- A lot of buildings are unused
- This (Pleasant) is narrow street
- Pleasant is a desolate street
- Street is not well lit

- I feel unsafe at night (Here at Pleasant and Liberty)
- When I see barbed wire, that means trouble
- Elm Industries demands a lot of parking for employees
- Pleasant is connection to: Findlay Market north
- Washington Park, school south
- Streets need repair
- Garbage and weeds growing on street
- Abandoned buildings
- OTR--model management
- Need for housing
- One way

- Impact offices at Findlay
- Needs landscaping, more greenery
- \$20,000 for 500 trees (300 N, 200 S)
- Church
- Old grates
- A lot of empty land owned by Denhart
- Too much abandonment
- Two fences in parking lots--NE and SE corners
- KFC--SW corner
- Vacant building on NW
- Lots of blight

When I look, I Assume:

- Poor people live here
- No City property
- Kids
- Coming through Liberty not stopping
- No shops; no storefronts
- Everyone is passing through
- Wide-open, large space--expansive view
- Nowhere to hide--wide open
- Crack dealers/users
- Height of fences means security problems
- No regular police patrol
- Vacant/dilapidated buildings will come down
- Negative images (security/safety/vacant buildings) affecting Findlay Market
- Elm Street--like tree canopy
- clean
- Encourage and enforce building/business owners to clean up sidewalks
- (Chicago)
- People park
- Bad things happen
- Trees not large but some
- Needs crosswalk
- Change will require government support, private support and time
- Residents don't want to be displaced
- Don't have money to move
- That used to be a house
- Buildings are abandoned
- The lots belong to Denhart
- There will be affordable/mixed/owner-occupied housing in area
- There will be mixed/tenant-based ownership
- Vacant buildings will be made safe...or torn down
- Sidewalks will be repaired
- Busy intersection every day

When I look, I Envision:

- Boulevard
- Walgreen's Drug Store 5/10
- Pleasant Street - single family residential
- Small local restaurant
- Crosswalk - halfway stopping point
- Island in middle of street
- Commercial on Liberty
- Residential upstairs and side streets
- Park instead of gravel lots
- Taller trees for such a large street
- More for seniors
- More for children
- more with God in mind
- A park at SE corner
- More green space and single family home (from recaptured space at demolition)
- Underground utilities
- Pedestrian scale at Pleasant
- Garages and off-street parking
- Permit parking for residents (on-street)
- Boulevard at center of Liberty
- City trash cans
- Set back fences - bushes in front (sidewalk will appear larger)
- Paint buildings or pressure cleaning
- New pavement
- Fixed buildings
- New grates bicycle friendly
- Crosswalk
- Bike path
- Built median
- No more fast food
- Some business - small
- Dry cleaners and stuff
- Pleasant being 2-way
- A densely residential area
- Assistance for low income to purchase the small buildings
- Trees
- Pocket parks with no seating
- More greenspace in parking lots
- Organic gardens run by OTR residents produce to be sold at Findlay Market

3. Liberty Street and Central Parkway

Vision Statement:

To promote community outreach marketing in this area as a major redevelopment district and neighborhood gateway

So that:

- Opportunities for businesses and institutions with larger footprints and regional appeal are maximized
- Opportunities for neighborhood job creation are factored in as part of the redevelopment strategy
- New buildings and in-fill are consistent in scale, setback and character with existing buildings along Central Parkway
- The crossroads/intersection is redesigned to function as a gateway for both OTR and the West End
- Existing green-space, such as the corner park and central median, are preserved and enhanced, particularly with more trees
- Opportunities for expressing the area's rich and diverse history are integrated
- Pedestrian and vehicular traffic improvements are made for increased safety and ease of turning
- Streetscape enhancements are provided for more shade trees and pedestrian scale lighting

3. Continue walking west to the intersection of Central Parkway and Liberty Street. From this vantage point, looking all around, all the way to the North and South and all the way to the East and West, and all that's in-between, up close and further away, and answering the following:

When I look I See:

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|---------------------------------|--|--|
| • Lots of empty space by Ballet | • Cell tower, Skywalk for Music Hall | → Left turn signal going north and south |
| • Open sky | • Acres of concrete | |
| • Boulevard (kinda) | → Very busy intersection with loud and lots of traffic | → No signal left east and west |
| • Corner sitting area | • Lots of businesses | • Southwest corner Cincinnati Ballet |
| • Not lots of windows | → Some trees/grass | • Northwest corner Samuel Adams |
| • Hear diesel trucks | • No residential on either four corners | • Northeast corner |
| • See 71-75 connector | • Little park with little greenspace (southeast) | • Boarded up buildings |
| • See Western Hills | • Traffic lights | • Graffiti |
| • Trees on distant hillside | | • Billboards |
| • Smell brewery | | • Abandoned buildings |
| | | • The hilltops |

- Outstanding architecture
- Industrial opportunities that could create employment
- Subway
- Art deco
- Music Hall
- Cincinnati Ballet
- WCET 48
- Small trees
- Lot more traffic
- Post Office
- Very open/can see more
- Too many ads on phone poles
- Intersection
- Ollies
- Ballet
- Western Hills
- City Hall, Carew Tower, Cell tower
- Sam Adams parking/delivery
- Less litter
- Business not residential
- More grass could be planted
- Bus stop and bench

When I look, I Know:

- No one lives here
- Berger Brewery was here
- Offices in NE corner
- This is what a lot of people see as they pass by
- This is a gateway
- Cannot walk without running--fast
- Have to be careful making left turn--I go N/S/E/W
- If I'm not the first/second car, I may not make it
- Signage on telephone poles
- Very busy intersection
- Gateway to OTR (east) and West End (west)
- Subway

- Knocked down sign - boys and girls club
- Kentucky
- Northwest
 - Parking lot with 8' fence - no screening
 - 2 trees - little greenery
 - looks industrial
 - bus stop sign/no other appurtenances
- Center
 - Island - rusty air vent
- Southwest
 - Vacant building - overgrown - interesting design
- Southeast
 - Well maintained park
- Northeast
 - Sidewalk in front - too much - what is use of building?
- Overall
 - Wide, busy roadways
 - Lack of things
 - Old equipment

- The Kemp Street Park is a gathering place
- Liberty and triangle
- Heavy traffic
- Accessible
- Warner Bros. Picture=good
- Open property west of Central
- Biking is difficult
- Subways underneath
- Signals and lighting require upgrade or at least painted in short term
- Capital improvements going on here--ballet
- Area has benefited from recent improvements
- Noisy (two fire trucks, loud stereos)

- Mix of poles
- North
 - Neat fence at Liberty and elm
 - No greenery
 - See beyond fence - look at bad buildings, dumpster
- South
 - Great park area
 - See beyond fence - look at garbage and old garage
- Little park/greenspace
- "Worn-out" park
- Non-functional park
- No destinations visible (esp. for major intersections)
- Two really big streets that create big barriers
- More business than residential
- Ballet building
- Brewery (remembering days where you could see bottling line through window)
- Wasted space
- Businesses leaving
- Two busy arterials--separates or joins two communities? (want feeling of combining--1) (prefer transition of communities--1)
- signage?
- Big church to west on Liberty
- Park Department has plans to redo park
- Less people
- Not pedestrian area
- Ballet is expanding their building
- This is connection to interstate highways
- Sense of history (canal, subway, brewery, Warner Bros.) but not defined/connected
- Fairly clean
- Traffic heavy during week

When I look, I Assume:

- Logan Street houses vacant too long; must be torn down
- No HC curb cuts at Logan Street
- Businesses are hiding (no signs)
- Businesses here not serving neighborhood directly
- More traffic on Liberty than Central Parkway
- I'm in OTR (east)... West End (west)
- I need to be alert as a driver as well as a pedestrian
- Get to any part of the City--N/S/E/W
- There are profitable businesses and services here
- There will be more vegetation
- One of the better places in OTR for business development
- Good gateway location
- Abandoned building west of Central (Could be art studios)
- Difficult to cross--fear of being hit by car
- Major traffic artery--will always have to carry traffic
- Most cars at this intersection are traveling THROUGH the neighborhood
- People are looking for work (solutions)
- Not many people in park
- If area changes, you would not see same people using it
- Adjacent buildings are vacant
- Adjacent building would be rehabilitated
- Not a lot of commercial traffic during the week (lack of parking meters)

When I look, I Envision:

- Gateway
- Wal-Mart by Ballet - bigger retailer
- Medians
- Better signs for businesses
- Lights like at Ballet (pedestrian light and brick pavers)
- More outreach by businesses
- Banners/flower boxes
- Crosswalk out of brick
- Gets busier---wider
- More greenspace--more trees and greenery
- Having more (longer) turn signals
- Buildings being cleaned
- Telephone poles can look better --- be replaced
- Corner at Logan Street being handicap accessible
- Larger trees down medians
- Housing opportunities on Wade Street
- Redevelopment/plenty of land
- Industry/jobs
- Transportation hub
- East/west bus - ties West End to East End
- Art studios small building
- CCR wall cleaned up (something inviting)
- Clean facades
- Longer walk signs
- Non-intimidating intersection for disabled
- More open B&G Club
- Better maintenance (paint, lawn, general)
- Planting on medians
- No barbed wires
- Geometric redesign of islands at intersection
- More pedestrian friendly
- More green trees
- Easier for bikers/safer
- Transition between communities - gateways
- Need longer left turn arrow for SB turn
- Underground utilities
- Small community of single-family homes including the park space (using small side street to south as entrance)
- Keeping the park in same capacity
- Strengthen commercial uses
- Mixed use to add people
- Park as gateway (smaller at corner)
- Consolidating eastern part of park for redevelopment of housing

4. Liberty Street and Walnut Street

Vision Statement:

To create an identity for this area that builds upon the Grammars / Uptown Arts site as the nucleus of a mixed-use redevelopment strategy that can serve neighborhood needs as well as a broader regional market,

So that:

- Residential and small businesses in-fill opportunities are maximized near Walnut Street
- Entertainment and cultural resources venues are maximized near Main Street
- Opportunities for neighborhood job creation are factored in as part of the redevelopment strategy
- Light rail facilities are integrated and compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood
- The gas station and Freestore are preserved as vital land-uses, but enhanced to be compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood

4. Walk east to the corner of Walnut and Liberty, thinking about the possibility of Light Rail, look north and south, east and west and all around, far away, and close by.

When I look I See:

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| • Big ugly gas station - only one | • Trash (old TV's, etc.) on sidewalk | • Planter boxes in windows |
| • Only one fast food | • Buildings that could be renovated | • Lacks identity - too much of mix |
| • Park at McMillan | • More people/more pedestrians | • No hookers |
| • Wooden balconies | • No trees/hand landscape | • Freestore/gas station |
| • Vacant Grammer's - possible tourist | • Wesley Chapel at McMicken | • Fifth/Third Bank |
| • Uptown arts | • ATM's | • Lord's Gym, Grammer's |
| • All buildings on Walnut being fixed up | • More people and traffic than first three stops | • Window boxes on construction sites |
| • Walnut seems not as cramped as Vine | • No buildings on south side of Liberty face street | • Best strips of potential housing |
| • Lots of Denhart | • Well used gas station (could be softened-landscaping) - needed too much concrete | • Traffic |
| • Lord's Gym | • Weeds | • Bus stop |
| • Lord's Gym modification (vacant view where demo occurred) | • Freestore - important institution | • Painted median |
| • Old Grammer's | • Intersection is smaller than others we've visited | • Abandoned building |
| • German Baptist Church | • Scale of buildings is smaller | • Connection to CBD |
| • Shell Station | • Garbage cans on all four corners | • Uptown Arts and Gab's corner |
| • New efforts (Uptown Arts) for renovation and new construction (urban sites on Walnut) | | • Bus stop |
| • Guys selling stoves out of truck | | • Extremely busy intersection |
| | | • Prostitutes/drugs |
| | | • New rehab projects |
| | | • The Lord's Gym |

- St. Francis/St. Joseph School
- Car wash - kids could wipe off for \$1
- Two empty restaurants
- Freestore
- Small tire store
- Vacant grocery
- Sign of the Cross housing developing
- Husman

- Vacant Grammer's
- Uptown Art Center
- Gas station, restaurants, gym (Lord's), vacant buildings and shells
- Residential (vacant)/commercial spaces
- Busy traffic, one-way (south)
- Fewer walking pedestrians
- Freestore/Foodbank

- Church on Walnut
- Liberty St. Hill - looking east, St. Francis, St. Joseph Catholic Workers House (Walnut), St. Francis School looking west
- Police cars in gas station
- Some meter and free parking space
- See street vendors in front of

When I look, I Know:

- Rehab happening
- Gas station takes in a lot of \$
- Walnut was once two way
- Sides of buildings exposed
- Failed business (restaurant)
- Only gas station in neighborhood
- Walnut has had a lot of activity, good and bad!
- Not as many boarded-up buildings
- There is racial tension
- There is a lack of trees
- Walnut is one way south
- Very busy intersection--prostitution and drugs
- Corner buildings for sale
- Grammer's historic on inside

- Main Street--north side of Liberty looks awful
- Radii on SW corner could be made smaller
- Liberty--Main to Sycamore
- Drug element
- Business moving out
- Sycamore and Liberty SE corner should be revised to eliminate island and bring out curve to 25' radius
- Signal can be rebuilt
- **Prostitution and drugs**
- Gas station good business
- Soup kitchen
- Flags on the school
- No trees north of Liberty
- Historic district potential

- Low income north of corner
- People in pain who need treatment
- Lots of rehab projects underway
- There is a Shell Station, a Free Store/Food Bank, Stan's Pizza, Cook Family
- Restaurant (NW and NE corners)
- Vacant apartments and buildings on SW corner
- Lord's Gym on NW corner
- Sign of the Cross and Walnut Street Baptist Church on Walnut
- Clothing left at night at free store ends up as litter throughout the

When I look, I Assume

- Not much commercial
- 95% residential
- Cut down for cars from Clifton
- Still poverty in this neighborhood
- Need to have a gas station/ATM/car wash in OTR

- Cultural renaissance (Uptown Arts) occurring
- Businesses have left area
- Crime is absent because of people on the sidewalks
- Abandoned buildings
- Unsafe crosswalks

- It's ED's corner
- Some form of public assistance for most residents
- Thoroughfare for non-residents
- Shell station and Free Store/Food Bank will remain in area
- Apartments will be redeveloped and rented

When I look, I Envision:

- Curb at northeast corner needs widened
- Grammer's re-open
- Building fell down fixed up
- Ohio capital
- Need trees at walk
- Fix up sidewalk like Main
- Freestore owns lots of ugly warehouse space
- Need infill at Husman's lot
- Green fences at vacant or parking lots
- Corners need definition
- Fences need piers
- Smaller structures on south side
- Not having light rail cut diagonally through the neighborhood
- Infill development along south side where parking lot is
- More green space
- More trees (boulevard?)
- More variety of planting
- Blue building southwest corner renovated - clean up on Liberty side
- Bump outs - more pedestrian friendly
- Sidewalk repair
- General repair
- Bike paths
- Bike racks
- Median - raised
- Adequate low income
- Grammer's history
- Northern plantings
- South alignment of light rail
- General repair
- Med Center used for chemical dep. Assistance
- New restaurants - locally owned
- See Grammer's as Jazz Club
- Sprucing up exterior of Grammer's
- More trees
- Median trees
- No longer needing the Freestore
- More Murals
- Vibrant businesses to employ OTR residents
- Create private businesses for Community
- Upper income apartments
- Beautify parking area (southeast corner)

5. Liberty Street and Pendleton/Liberty Crosswalk

Vision Statement:

To continue with the restoration of Liberty Hill and Pendleton residential mixed use, as well as the enhancements of hillside and streetscape greenspace

So that:

- All existing buildings are renovated and occupied
- The greenspace setting is preserved, both for neighborhood quality of life and as part of the neighborhood entry / exit experience
- More colorful plantings are added as understory, median, pots, hanging baskets, etc. to supplement the hillside and street trees
- The pedestrian crossing is closely studied and either improved or relocated for better visibility, pedestrian safety and / or neighborhood linkages

5. Continue walking to the pedestrian crossing east of Sycamore Street at the crest of the hill, looking all around close by and farther away.

When I look I See:

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| • Bad buildings at northwest corner | • Factory, Joe's Bar | • Joe's Bar |
| • Small white church at top of HILLCREST P&G Towers, church tower with clock | • Steep steps | • Three vacant housing units |
| • Churches, lots of trees, hillside, steps to Pendleton area | • Churches | • Trees and forestation |
| • No rails for sidewalks (separating hillside) | • Downtown | • Upscale residential on going |
| • Crosswalk in the middle of heavily traveled street | • P&G buildings | • Pendleton - low income |
| • Space for in-fill housing | • St. Paul's Church | • Mt. Adams |
| • Mixed residential housing | • Wooded areas (natural areas) | • Hillside and trees |
| • Flowers in greenspace | • A hill/fresh flowers | • CBD and Kroger Building |
| • Five lanes for traffic - cannot see approaching traffic over hills | • Exit to the expressway | • Neighborhood grocery |
| • Little walking traffic | • A radio/TV tower | • Storefront church |
| • One store | • Homes under a great scene of foliage | • Memorial Center with trees |
| | • Various colors on buildings adds color to the Community and Strategic Planning no stop lights to keep people safe in crosswalk | • Flowers at hillside |
| | • Deli with import specials | • Lots of painted out areas - change to raised island |
| | • Shillito's Warehouse - Art Center | • Well maintained buildings |
| | | • Very green, well maintained hillside |
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- Empty lot
- Pendleton Arts Center
- P&G Towers
- St. Paul Church steeple
- Few small businesses

- Church across Liberty
- Schoolhouse condos
- Faster traffic (arterial)
- Major highway signs
- Lots of homes

- Houses with big bucks
- Park improvement at hill that can't be seen

When I look, I Know:

- Block south side between Sycamore and Walnut needs fill
- No sitting for bus stop
- Different kind of neighborhood in OTR
- There's expensive homes with green space--owner-occupied, expensive apartment buildings
- See traffic for Reading Road, I-71, I-471.
- Staples
- See vacant buildings, low-income apartments, blighted vacant lots
- The Art Center
- Laundromat
- Two small businesses

- The City planted new flowers to hold the hill
- Excellent views of the City limits
- Offices in St. Paul's--Cathy Cooke/Crowe/Verdin Bell
- New housing to be developed in open spaces
- A park on Thirteenth and Pendleton Street
- Stairs on Liberty Street and Reading Road lead to Liberty Hill
- Jazz artist Cathy Wade owns home on Boal
- Route to Kentucky
- Unsafe crosswalk
- Upscale area--Spring and Broadway
- Arts Center
- Doesn't feel so much like OTR

- An exit and entrance
- OTR planning--not a lot of attention to Pendleton and Mohawk
- More home renovation here than at other locations visited
- Not problems with vacant buildings (though some still exist)
- Verdin is buying more buildings
- Pendleton Mews is in limbo
- Pendleton Mews has \$600K from City
- Someone needs to put restaurant in area for art center, residents, etc.
- Don't see any trash

When I look, I Assume:

- Vacant buildings/lots can be redeveloped and made beautiful
- People can cross streets safely
- That the City will maintain the hillside
- The three vacant units will be used for housing

- That there are a lot of residents, but they are not outside yet
- Volunteer hours
- Upswing
- Great potential in this area
- More accidents (pedestrian/car) because of traffic speed

- Of all stops, this one has most positive immediate future
- Liberty has created two different neighborhoods (Liberty Hill and Pendleton) from the rest of OTR

When I look, I Envision:

- Trees at southwest corner by church
- More color added to greenery
- Vacant buildings/lots will be redeveloped (south side)
- More color being added to north side of street (Liberty)
- Church (Fellowship) parking lot and building being upgrading
- Easier to cross Liberty Street

- To see more benches at the bus stops
- Need a stoplight at crosswalk on Sycamore
- More parking available for residents only
- A park developed on 13th, Pendleton and Liberty Street to enjoy the hillside and flowers

- Less trash on sidewalks, alleys and street
- More signs for speed limits on Reading Road and Liberty Street
- Island to help with speed at the crosswalk
- More trees in the island
- Better crosswalk - built median
- Improve pedestrian crossing

6. Liberty Street and Reading Road

Vision Statement:

To continue with the enhancements of this major intersection as a neighborhood gateway and regional transportation portal

So that:

- Ornamental plantings continue to be added in high visibility areas
- Opportunities for public art, decorative lighting and interpretive historical displays are integrated
- Pedestrian amenities, particularly enhanced crosswalks and more accommodations for seating around the bell tower are added
- Redevelopment and / or buffering of the existing car lot and storage lot is incorporated
- The hillside vegetative backdrop is preserved
- Pendleton and Reading Road buildings are renovated and / or better maintained

6. Finish walking to the end of Liberty Street at Reading Road and there looking east and west, north and south.

When I look I See

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| • "Eye Candy" landscaping on north side of street (you can't get to it) | • Staples - business corridor | • Bell Tower |
| • Bell tower/gateway | • Ugly tower (poorly built) | • Car Lot |
| • Car sales | • Residential at 13 th | • The expressway |
| • Art Museum | • FHDI | • TV/radio towers |
| • Expressway to Kentucky | • Art Museum | • The monastery tower - Mt. Adams |
| • Mt. Adams | • Trees | • Park |
| • Staples | • Circular Reading area with trees | • Parking lot - Baldwin Company |
| • More trees/hills | • Potted weeds | • Bus stops |
| • Nicely painted building at corner of 12 th Street | • Billboard | • Temp (work service) |
| • Used car dealer - seems out of place | • Parking/storage lot | • Small store |
| • Staples building - tacky/turns back on intersection | • Day labor agency | • Distinct boundary for OTR and other communities |
| • Landscaping shows civic pride | • People hanging out windows | • Big and important intersection - gateways to north and south |
| • Gateway and OTR | • Well maintained | • Staples, Cal Cars, temp service |
| • Mt. Adams with monastery | • Graffiti with wonderful taste | • OTR bell tower and surrounding greenspace |
| • Route to Kentucky | • A pocket park with pathways | |
| | • Loss of apartment buildings | |
| | • A view of Mt. Adams | |
| | • Staples | |

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- Low-income housing (apartment, multi-family buildings)
 - Vacant storage lot
 - Lots of traffic - lots of cars

- Liberty Street sign (northwest corner) coming off pole
- Very little walking traffic
- View of Mt. Adams

When I look, I Know:

- Car sales used to be gas station
- Major intersection of I71 and I471
- No buses on Liberty Street
- On edge of the neighborhood
- Gateway to Kentucky, to downtown
- Will always be major vehicular corridor
- Pendleton business area and arts center
- Major traffic in and out
- Connection to outside
- See great chimneys

- That storage lot has to go
- Need to maintain low-income and mixed income
- A lot of attention placed on Liberty/Reading Road
- A lot of traffic close to housing units
- A lot of noise
- End of Liberty Street--must go north or south on Reading Road or east to I471 or west toward OTR

- Mt. Auburn and Mt. Adams hillsides
- This is a busy intersection for cars/truck/vans/buses
- Heavily populated multi-family housing building
- Business and residential area of City
- Public transportation on Reading Road, north and south

When I look, I Assume:

- Can't safely cross the street
- Not many people use pocket park
- Not many pedestrians
- Not much business at Cal Cars
- Somebody should find out who owns SE corner at Liberty/Reading

- Additional landscaping plans for bell tower corner
- Lots of low-income could be mixed income area
- Pendleton residents keep to themselves
- It's rough in some areas

- SE/ there will be new development
- Viable businesses will remain
- Low-income housing will be maintained
- Bell tower will remain gateway to OTR

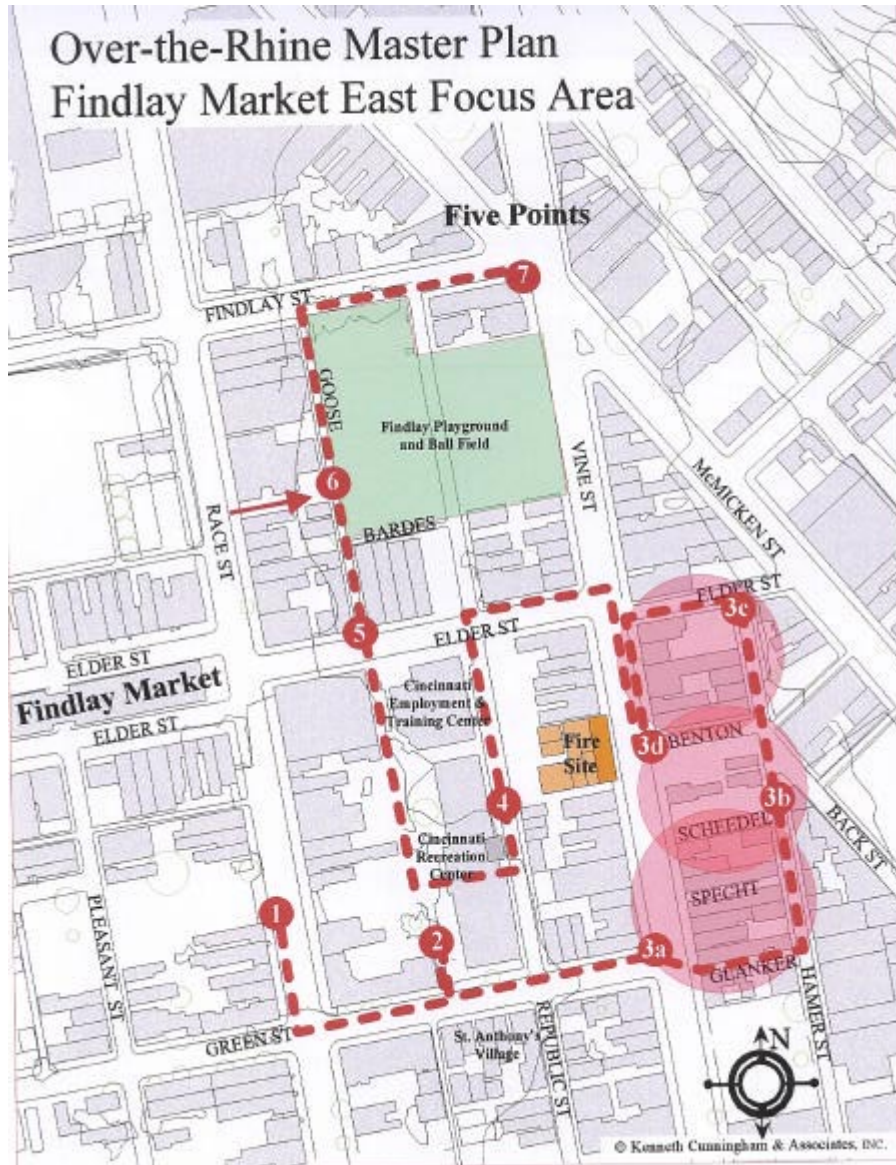
When I look, I Envision:

- Another gas station
- More pedestrian activity (or not?)
- Pendleton will always be different than the rest of OTR
- Slowing traffic (medians, trees, etc.)
- Massive rush hour traffic flow not changing (ramp to 471, etc.)
- Fix southeast corner - used as dumping ground
- Redevelopment of like uses
- Better planting in circle

- Deer - sculptures (public art) a fountain
- Rook's Overlook Migratory birds signage
- Signage about history (natural and man-made)
- That lot being cleaned up
- Better entry
- fast pacing
- Big sundial (southwest corner)
- Redevelopment of southeast storage lot

- Adding on color to greenspace on southwest corner
- Multi-family apartment buildings will be maintained
- Greenspace with benches in picnic area
- Welcome signs for the community
- At the Bell Tower seats to relax
- Larger speed limit signs
- Caution light going west on Liberty Hil

OTR Comprehensive Plan FINDLAY MARKET EAST PARTICIPATION



The following pages contain the results of the Findlay Market East Focus Area Walk-through Participation.

After the answers were tabulated, design element were abstracted from the answers and utilized in a “Participatory Design Session”. In this design session the participants placed these element to create the basis for the final design documents. Along the way this process included conflict resolution processes for the participants to work out conflicting design ideas.

1. On Race Street Across from the arched entrance to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC)

When I look I See:

- Trash
- Dilapidated buildings
- Venders hanging things outside
- Heavily used play area
- Boarded up buildings
- Some new sidewalks, some needing repairs
- Alley that is used by pedestrian
- Lots of payphones
- Sr. Center
- Headstart
- Commercial Space with tacky fronts
- Heavy traffic on Race
- Lots of pedestrian
- Advertisements hanging on utility poles
- Trees!
- Work to be done
- Abandoned buildings
- Closed businesses
- Broken glass
- Nice features – wrought iron fencing
- Poor signage
- Peeling paint
- Foreboding brick entrance to Rec. Ctr.
- Overhead wires
- 1880's & 1950's interspersed
- Church spire
- Broken glass
- Empty buildings, renovated buildings
- Clean street
- Big street trees!
- Market is near
- Church to south
- Busses
- Street venders by Market - clothing
- Lot more people during the week (maybe less today for cold weather)
- Surface parking for market free!
- Parking lot
- All institutional
- Street vending
- Clean with trees
- Abandoned building and lots of trash
- Nice trees
- Power lines
- Traffic
- Parking for OTR-CC (not attractive)
- Dumpsters
- New sidewalks
- Banners

When I look I Know:

- Heavily traveled street – pedestrian & cars
- Housing rules not enforced, building codes not enforced
- Room for new residents
- East side is occupied and vibrant West side is vacant
- No businesses, only service agencies
- Absentee land lords
- Lot of vehicular traffic
- Some panhandlers in area
- Market is expanding and renovating
- Groups look to do big projects
- Pleasant St. development is coming
- People are interested in what's going on in the neighborhood
- Mixed use buildings are hard to get money for
- Maybe a TIF district for OTR
- Fear of losing low income housing
- Empty retail
- No economic activity
- Busy street

When I look I Assume:

- Lots of open businesses (b/c of traffic)
- Vital to Res / Comm use
- Expanded Findlay Mkt. will help this area
- St. Anthony project will help the area

When I look I Envision:

- Link to Findlay Market
- Cleaned up Store Fronts
- Utilities under ground
- More off street residential parking
- Better housing
- Walking streets safely
- Less vehicular traffic
- People working together
- Continuing decay and dis-investment
- Parking structures to serve Findlay and residents

- Absentee landlords
- Guy on corner is a drug spotter
- Economically dead area
- Drug dealing in parking lot

- Underground wires and utilities
- Better landscaping
- Buildings remain
- Findlay Mkt. signage
- 2-way traffic
- Artistic façade treatment on Daily Bread
- Dumpsters behind fencing
- Rec. Ctr. Façade should match church remains
- Less panhandlers
- More parking less surface

- Not enough pedestrian traffic
- Tough to get all storefronts occupied

- More St. A's type developments
- More home ownership
- Help for existing low-income ownership
- Better signage and banners
- Inhabitants in mixed use buildings
- Multilevel garage
- Underground secure parking with residential above
- Parking @ Race, Pleasant, Elder streets
- Upper stories residential rehabbed
- Parking

2. Walking South on Race and East on Green to the South entrance to the CRC

When I look I See:

- CRC
- Headstart
- Multi Family Housing
- Playground (nice but small)
- Emp Training Center
- Alleyway
- Sr. Center Garden
- Parking Lots (poorly paved)
- Dogs w/out leash
- Housing in development
- Housig in need of repair
- Archway
- Nice Facades
- Fence in disrepair
- New paint job
- Security measures
- Lock of lighting (possibly)
- Buildings under rehab
- Ugly green color on rehabbed building
- Bricked up storefronts done in ugly way
- Chain link fencing w/ razor wire
- Children's Garden
- Arched windows
- Visual signs that the area is unsafe
- Upper floor fire damage (building across street)
- Shoes on wires
- New side walks
- Improvements happening
- Rundown corner market
- Guys hanging out
- Razor wire to keep people out is overkill
 - Creates perception of danger
 - Because of perception of danger
- Not enough landscaping
- Back of buildings
- Rehabs
- Catwalks
- Burned out
- Razor wire
- Unfinished work
- Too much concrete
- Trash on playground
- Some landscaping
- St. A's village with new construction
- More blank Rec. Center walls
- Razor wire
- Utility wires
- Nice play equipment
- Kroger building
- Graphics o the building

When I look, I know:

- Lot of Drug activity on Green Street
- Lots of Kids use this area
- Both pre-school & Elementary, Adult
- Facilities to accommodate multi-generation activities
- Several Low income units and mixed income units
- Dilapidated buildings
- CMHA buildings
- Constant trash
- A little graffiti
- Men on street corners all day
- Lots of kids and seniors in the area
- No compressive approach to the area
- More residents soon in the area, when rehab is done
- Loitering
- Day care
- St. A's Village
 - 28 units 1-4 bedroom
 - infill building, parking, interior courtyard
- security is an issue with potential resid
- project is a demo
- Parking is and issue
- Need safe crossing at streets
- More people = less illegal activity
- New construction (affordable housing)
- Green St. is a nice "side street"
- Green and Republic – lots of hanging out

When I look, I assume:

- There will be redevelopment in St Anthony's Village
- People living in St A's village will take more responsibility for neighborhood
- Even with city deficit, Rec & Emp. Training programs will continue to be vital to neighborhood
- Could be great mixed-income community
- Not safe
- New rehab will maintain historic standards
- No one is committed to its success
- No one respects the property
- Crime is an issue (fences everywhere)
- Important connections

When I look, I Envision:

- Friendly \ happy environment. People working together towards enhancements
- House rules community @ St. A's Village
- St. A's village gated in with parking spaces
- New people coming, people interested in staying taking back control of streets, reporting outsiders, residential networking, using services
- Mixed and low-income housing, option for people to live elsewhere is necessary
- No need for fences, open area, w/out barbed wire
- Nice patios, decks on housing
- Archway staying
- A campus atmosphere (rec. campus)
- No bars on windows
- More street trees, greenery, landscaping
- Continued subsidized development, but no private investment
- Gaslights on Green St.
- Christmas
- Flags or pennants on street
- Remove fencing
- Soften walls
- Major pedestrian connection to Findlay St.
- Visually breaking up the gymnasium wall of the Rec. Center
- Turn entry into Plaza

3. Continue walking East on Green first stop at Vine and Green, then continue east through Glanker Alley and North on Hammer to Back Street second stop, continue North on Hammer to Elder third stop, and continue West on Elder to Vine South on Vine to Benton forth and last stop for this question.

When I Remember & look, I See:

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| • Lots of trash, not just house hold- tires, glass | • Boarded up windows | • Potential |
| • Graffiti | • Massive deterioration, buildings streets, people too | • Great architecture |
| • Vacant lots | • Cars to be towed | • Large buildings |
| • Grant Park (large unfenced) | • Smell of urine | • Good scale |
| • Large community garden (fenced) | • Community garden | • Open space at back , Hamer Benton |
| • Shoes marking drug deal territory | • Some effort | • Fortification |
| • Possibly rehabbed apartments | • Vacant lots, unused space | • Drugs |
| • McMicken & E. Elder very confusing intersection | • Litter, garbage | • Privacy in Allies |
| • Burned out building for sale | • Guys hanging out loitering | • Vibrancy on Vine |
| • Young Af. Am. Males hanging out on every corner | • Inconsistent signage | • Beautiful facade at fire site |
| • Too many chain link fences | • Upper floor vacancies | • Usable Park recreation space |
| • Abandoned cars | • Nasty looks by loiterers | • Vacant lots – could be at least parking |
| • Broken windows in buildings | • Dog crap in street | • Open space, more parkland and gardens |
| • Some commercial parking lots | • Feeding pigeons | • Peeling paint |
| • Not enough street lights | • Astroturf in park | • Crime |
| • Tacky looking business establishments | • Sidewalks crumbling | • Mixed uses |
| • Mixed-use commercial and residential buildings, mostly residential. | • Brick alleys | • Vacancies |
| • Vacant housing, boarded up store fronts | • Bus stops | • Vandal proof architecture |
| • OTR community council building | • Over-whelmed at challenge, people problems | • Damaged sidewalks |
| • Traffic North on Vine (lots) | • Closed restaurants | • Incongruent |
| • Prostitution | • Deteriorated economic fabric | • History, vandalized buildings |
| • Vacant Buildings | • Brick pavers | • Tight streets |
| • Open drug deals | • Building cornice | • Masonry |
| | • Dilapidation, dirty, messy, trash | |

When I Remember & look, I Know:

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| • Illegal activity | • People have given up on the area | • Same as original quality |
| • Sidewalks & curbs in need of repair | • Loiterers are selling drugs | • Little commerce is open |
| • In summer area is packed | • Bus stops are problem area | • High crime rate |
| • Hamer St. poorly lit in comparison to Vine | • Lead abatement discourages rehab | • Underutilized |
| • Smart Money and other attractive business, nice buildings, hidden by deterioration around | • Vine is the spine of OTR | • Poverty |
| • Very little traffic on Hamer, lots on Vine | • 2-way is busy | • Traces of the past – people once lived here |
| • Grant Park is unsafe | • Vacancy creates potential | • Used to be denser |
| | • High level of ornamentation on buildings | |

When I Remember & look, I Assume:

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| • There are pockets that are not safe even in daytime | • No networking among, business, property owners with residents, OTRCC | • During summer community garden beautiful |
| • Interiors of buildings are worse than outside | • Traffic is going back and forth, parking is 2-way (very narrow though) | • High crime area |
| • Lots of slum landlords, business owners | | • I'm not safe during parts of the day |
| | | • Rules need to be tightened |

- No unity between businesses
- City restrictions (un-funded restrictions) will continue to stymie private investment
- Home ownership (condos, co-ops) needed
- 2 way traffic has improved pace/speed of cars for pedestrians
- There is some market for a few businesses

- Building code are too restrictive for historic
- Structurally sound
- Salvageable
- All activity is illegal
- Need for investment
- Rehabilitation needed to save buildings
- Investment opportunities

- Structurally sound
- Good candidates fo renovation
- Possible connection of open space between Vine and Hamer along Benton
- Parking will be addressed

When I Remember & look, I Envision:

- Lots of redevelopment multi family housing, businesses
- Benton & Vine parking lot on corner or garage
- Hotel in area, possibly burned out building
- Repaired sidewalks safe flr walking and looking
- Wider street, tear down some buildings
- Underground utilities, nicer street lights
- More green space on parking lots and park areas
- Better utilization of park
- Billboards painted on buildings cleaned up advertising local businesses
- No billboards on residential property
- Businesses with coordinated signs
- More of men on corners get legitimate jobs
- A smaller, more concentrated business district
- City staffers being held responsible for projects, arrogant & mediocre staff needs to be fired, Gerard Hyland must go, for developers time is money – city staff doesn't realize this

- Resident involvement in OTR Plan, not bureaucrat dominance of plan
- Light rail on Vine St. not Main
- City enforcing existing codes and regulations
- Improved playground
- Pocket parking lot at Vine and Benton
- A central business district developed here, cafes shops serving both residents and others
- Neighborhood shops
- Co-op store space for venders
- Art galleries / artist lofts
- Restored housing
- Fixup empty lots
- Nice parking available
- Restore façade of brewery (fire site) maybe parking structure behind it
- Housing on parking structures
- More community gardens
- Plantings that remove lead from soil (sunflowers)

- Flower boxes Window boxes
- Underground utilities
- Merchants with street sales, cleanup / fix up
- Mixed income residents
- Cultural mix
- Trolley connecting university to downtown
- Residential area – common space along Benton
- Non-vehicular alleys @ the 4 alleys
- Benton as the center of outdoor public space
- Single family homes
- Park connections
- McMicken connections
- Brick piers as entry markers
- Some infill on Hamer
- 1735 _____ the façade being saaved with retail being saved (1st floor) 1725 Vine
- 1735 residential above is ideal

4. Walk North on Vine and West on Elder to Republic and South on Republic to the rear of the CRC building.

When I look, I See:

- Burnt out building, back of
- Very small houses (single family / 2 family?)
- Painting business
- Front end of Rec. Center
- Side of Emp. Training Center
- Big uninviting wall no doors
- Church Steeple
- Locked covered windows
- Trash, old carpeting
- Little lighting (3 street lights) some indirect building lights
- Findlay Park

- Occupied and Vacant housing
- Vacant lot on Elder and Republic
- Multi colored painted buildings
- Large Pigeon population
- Tragic loss of great bld.
- Small townhouses
- Rec. Center doesn't match tower
- Unused parking meters
- Narrow street
- Brick alley
- Vacant back lots

- Bars on windows
- Residences
- Burned out building / arson sign reward for information
- Small houses occupied cars parked in front
- St. A's Village site
- Old church tower from St John's (was sister church to Old St Mary's)
- Larger buildings are empty small ones not
- Hills in distance to look at
- Pigeons
- Pavement is not historical

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- Lots of open space vacant lots with trash and weeds
 - Burned out building
 - Open space
 - Hillside view
 - Steeples/ Carew Tower
 - Mixture of building styles

When I look, I Know:

- Republic is 1-way Street going South
- Elder and Republic used to be a big drug corner
- Burnt out building partially torn down
- Not pedestrian friendly street (Republic)
- When Elder changed directions Republic Street died
- Lost a great building

- Contrasting scales
- Parking available
- Small private residences
- Landmark Church
- The fire / demo site
- New infill- connection thru time (architecturally)
- Mid 70's urban renewal to 19th century

- Residential area not commercial
- Inhabited
- Poor city maintenance
- I wouldn't come out at night (no light)
- How to locate myself
- Different challenges / potential with the damaged building

- Alley to Vine street
- View to the hillsides
- View to downtown connection
- 2 story houses

- Not a lot of traffic ever in Findlay Market day
- Blank (delivery wall) wall presented by Rec. Center
- It's a back street

When I look, I Assume:

- Not a well used street
- People don't know what building they are looking at
- No one would want to enter Rec. Cent. From Republic St. even though address is Republic Street
- City owns whole West block
- Parcels are owned by different owners
- Rec. Cent is poorly used
- Street is poorly lit
- Unsafe at night
- Mainly residential
- It's under utilized
- Especially for parking
- The OTR C.C. isn't helping the life of the street as it is now
- Two story homes could be entry level housing.

When I look, I Envision:

- Parking
- Mixed use redevelopment with adequate parking & recreation pace attached
- Off street parking @ Elder and Republic
- Opening Republic to Findlay
- More pedestrian friendly atmosphere to walk to market
- Improved housing conditions
- Cleanliness
- Less crime
- Park benches
- More commercial uses
- More residential uses
- Townhouses could be low-income ownership opportunity
- Linkage of Findlay and Vine Street (signage)
- Connect park to residents better
- Surface parking to complement Vine apartments
- No bars on windows
- Rec Center not looking like a prison
- Parking for Vine St. buildings
- Meandering Street to slow traffic and add trees & parking
- Restore façade of fire building with garage/parking behind it
- No meters
- Residential parking stickers so residents have place to park
- Lighting and trees needed
- Fabulous public transportation including to other area so cars are not needed
- 2 way Elder
- Vines and planters on Rec. Center
- More lights
- Softer facades
- Great kids street with recreation opportunities
- Back yards
- Good ownership site
- Change
- 2 story houses continue down and use alley for parking
- C.C. being more accessible from the alley
- Parking being utilized as something additional and visually pleasing

5. Walk through the CRC (take a moment to Warm up) exit the other side and walk north to Elder and Goose Alley.

When I look, I See:

- Employ and training center
- Grocery store Space converted to Soup Kitchen
- Front entrance to Findlay Market
- Trash, glass, pavement needing repairs
- Traffic both pedestrian and motor on Elder and Race
- Abandoned and occupied commercial space
- Commercial space with abandoned housing above
- Hear loud music
- Lots of Pigeons, some birds
- People using benches
- On street meter parking (lots)
- Ally from Elder to Findlay to green
- Big stereo playing music
- Bubbles advertisement
- Boarded up building
- Funny metal things on curbs
- Wasted open space between CRC & Emp. Buildings
- Bars on doors and windows of city buildings
- Findlay Mkt.
- No Trees
- Pigeons
- Ugly building on Vine
- Upper level vacancies
- Bad pavement and sidewalks
- Soup Kitchen (bad design and paint color)
- Nice architectural on N. side of Elder
- Storefront church
- Lots of wires
- Mix of new renovated and needing renovation
- Great historical buildings
- Housing north of Goose Alley looks good
- Italinat arch good fronts
- Historic Findlay Mkt.
- Encourage people to renovate
- Walking city- work live church
- Looks like German village in Columbus
- Rec. Center, laundry, commercial, church, market - all the basics within walking distance
- Lot of vacant storefronts to east
- Not enough people
- Empty looking store
- Ugly pink curtains on credit union building
- Inconsistency
- Lots of secure windows, razor wire
- Drug free zone (ha ha!)
- Lifeless gray wall
- Poor walking surfaces
- Market
- Graffiti
- One way streets
- Shoes hanging from wires
- E & T center –barred windows and doors
- Facade and greenery needed at E & T center
- Brick alley
- Vacant looking
- Abandoned and underutilized storefronts
- 3 story buildings
- Brick, used to be windows on single story blds (Our Daily Bread)
- Adaptive reuse of church
- See porches

When I look, I Know:

- I can buy nice meat / produce at Findlay Market
- People who want to use Rec Cent. Or find jobs can
- Vacant housing units and commercial space
- Pigeons love this area
- Parking on both sides of street
- Well traveled pedestrian area
- Benches, loitering people who can be problems
- People fear for safety
- This is a special corridor
- Findlay vendors used to sell here, not anymore
- Dis-investment in
- East exit form Findlay
- One way (the wrong way)
- Major city investment in building
- Employment center
- Lots of service calls
- Church façade upgrade needed
- Cool porches
- Needs investment

When I look, I Assume:

- Trash isn't handled well
- Fewer vendors on this part of Elder – inside Findlay now
- Rowdy, mischievous kids
- Empty floors mostly vacant
- Some investment in buildings
- Findlay expansion will draw more people to area
- Soup kitchen will remain for long time
- Continued dis-investment in buildings

When I look, I Envision:

- Area vital to Findlay Mkt. Area
- Another grocery store to complement FM in A&P space
- More vendors
- More commercial businesses
- Vacant building converted to mixed use
- Wider nicer pedestrian walkways
- Rec. Center on Elder Street
- Emp. & Training where it is
- More attractive alleyway
- Place for people to sit outside
- More off street parking other than meter
- Better linked Sr. Center & Rec. Center (at least back door to Sr. Ctr.)
- One way alley behind Rec. Ctr.
- Nicer parking
- Housing
- Brick streets and alleys around FM
- Stronger pedestrian linkages from Vine to FM and the Rec. Ctr. to Park
- Thriving Findlay Mkt.
- Big yellow bld @ Race and Elder be redeveloped
- Rec. Ctr. As drop off for kids as parents shop

- Owners don't care about what buildings look like
- Doesn't work economically for owners to fix buildings
- Subsidies are missing for stimulus
- Need to undo slumlords mess to improve neighborhood
- A fake church
- High crime and vacancy
- Hot in summer

- Enclosed trash areas for cans/dumpsters
- Consider diagonal parking for Elder St.
- Relocate Soup Kitchen, keep large floor plate of building avail for retail/dry goods uses
- Historic light fixtures
- Sunday hours for FM
- Working level population \$10.00 hr wage level can afford housing
- Lots of people and businesses all the way to Vine St. unique markets and stores
- People all ages from all neighborhoods
- Truly connected neighborhoods
- Safe feeling area to live in
- Mixed neighborhood – culture, race, etc.
- Wires underground
- Antique looking lights ect. To fit in with the buildings
- Maintain the facades at the very least
- Clean streets
- More people
- Historical street material to be saved brick surfaces and granite curbs etc.
- A common theme for the neighborhood

- No business investment
- Under occupied
- Can be renovated
- Good place for commercial extension of Findlay Market
- Assume alley has great potential for housing

- Elder could be a night mingling area, coffeehouses, nightclub
- Daily bread needs openness
- Career alternatives need to lease 1st floor for active businesses
- 1800 Race is not Residential
- Findlay Market Archway at Vine, 2way Elder, street trees, pedestrian scale lighting
- Goose Alley has great access to park
- International presence – Ethnic Food
- Connection to market and to Vine
- 2 way street
- Single story needs to be higher (our daily bread)
- Con_____ unit / façade rehabbed
- Vending on street draw people through
- Brick ally residential
- More lighting in ally
- Creative signage
- Bollards
- Soft ball in park

6. Walk North on Goose Alley to the walk through from Race Street.

When I look, I See:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fenced in playground and ball field• Vacant buildings• Glass in street• Graffiti• Partial renovation• An archway• Buildings with spalling bricks• Broken glass windows• Multi colored painted building• Non-functioning light posts• Barricade (bumper guards)• No off street parking• Incomplete park facility• Not a lot of pedestrian traffic• Graffiti• Nice play field | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beautiful hillsides• Residential properties• Vacant garages / sheds• Poorly designed park• Broken street lights• Graffiti, trash• Occupied apts• Start of good intentions, playground, and open space• Historical type lights• Some buildings in good shape• A few people in park with dogs• Can hear traffic but not see it• Few vacant buildings• Old historic signs• Fire station | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some signage• Lots of historical styles• Highway bumper in ally overkill• Lighting around park is nice• Old vine lattice• Un-maintained walkways• Incorrect signage at Race• Un-level ball field• Concrete and chain link fence• Open park, Unrelated to Rec. Center, needs scheduled activities• 3-4 story buildings• Badly maintained lights• Connector to Market / Vine |
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When I look, I Know:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playground used a lot in warm weather• Low income housing recently went to mkt rate• Territorial markings, gangs drug activities• One way alley ways• Black wrought iron looks better than chain link• Some green space• Some garages in disrepair | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pigeons• Area is used by families and kids• Upper floors are vacant, hard to walk up to , and can't be occupied by code over 4th floor• Scale of buildings offers possibilities of rehabbing• Veranda, is named from India Architecture• Parking is an issue for new housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No one plays on that field• Connect to market and need for parking / school• Race is for sale Denhart /others• A lot of money built this park |
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When I look, I Assume:

- Not a lot of light
- Vital playground
- Low income housing
- Mostly occupied

When I look, I Envision:

- Residential redevelopment
- No more vacant buildings
- Better upkeep
- Trees
- No buildings on Elder tear down, better alley & Republic
- Park used by more people, not just a ball field
- Park lighting in back
- Pleasant residential area (quite, nice views)
- Findlay Mkt. Parking archway sign relocated

- Loitering in back area, not visible from major arteries
- Low income housing
- 40 % effort
- Residential off alley looks like viable alternative

- Connect park to Market – benches, walkways, lighting, landscaping
- Tear down vacant garages- green space
- Secured small parking areas for neighbors
- Children playing in park
- Cleaner streets
- Softball leagues
- More people living around park
- Walking neighborhood
- Wrigley field

- Under utilized bad buildings
- Existing buildings on alley to be kept
- Park should have more active programming
- Nighttime unsafe
- More....

- Neighborhood magnet
- Chess tables
- Kids everywhere
- Trees
- Balconies off buildings to overview park
- Fronts facing park
- Better lighting
- Can garbage be consolidated
- Loft living space

7. Continue up Goose Alley to Findlay Street and then East to 5 points.

When I look, I See:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heavily traveled (car) area 5 Point Intersection• Trash• Firehouse• Residential and Commercial buildings• Check Cashing place• Vine St neighborhood center• Church• Buildings in need of repair, vacant, broken windows• Beautifully redeveloped church• Sidewalks needing repair• Amazing intersection (major & minor streets)• 5 bus lines• Ugly fire house• Large vacant buildings• Overhead wires all over | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great corner buildings• Little signage (FM, Uptown)• Left turn restrictions• Old theater• More traffic• Fire house needs facade cleaned• Lots of poles for wires• Schwartz point was a dental office• Stopped clock (symbol of decay)• New construction up on hillside• Empty shop fronts• Open corner market stores (beer and wine small items)• Loan shop• Industrial buildings (utilized)• Filled in store fronts now are housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More space for cars than people• Lots of flat iron buildings!• Schwartz Point• Unique structures• No square corners• Barren• Neighborhood center (social services)• Beautiful architecture and details• Busy intersection• Few holes in urban fabric• Gateway to OTR• Abandoned buildings• Trash• Weeds• Power lines |
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When I look, I Know:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vital Gateway to OTR• A lot of wine and beer is sold here• Lots of commercial space available• Dangerous pedestrian and auto area• Was once a happening place?• Lot of traffic & noise• Access to N, S, E, & W whatever direction• Old German names on streets and buildings | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confusing intersections• Used to be a popular café at this intersection• I would not be here at night• There is a private jazz club in Schwartz point• Free store building was a brewery building• This is ½ way between UC and Downtown• People walking look up at the buildings• High traffic | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus lines• Busy fire department• Up to Clifton• Tough lights• Former German signs• Former brewery• Starts to get more industrial• Once a social / entertainment hub |
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When I look, I Assume:

- Dangerous gateway
- No plan for this intersection
- No parking
- Not many residents

When I look, I Envision:

- Vital commercial businesses
- Newly remolded residential units
- Fewer bars on windows
- Can't get from Fm parking lot to Vine directly
- Direct access to attractions via 2-way streets
- Easy to find FM from anywhere
- Easter access up the hill
- Limiting carryout stores in neighborhood, particularly key entry points
- FM signage
- Anchor stores

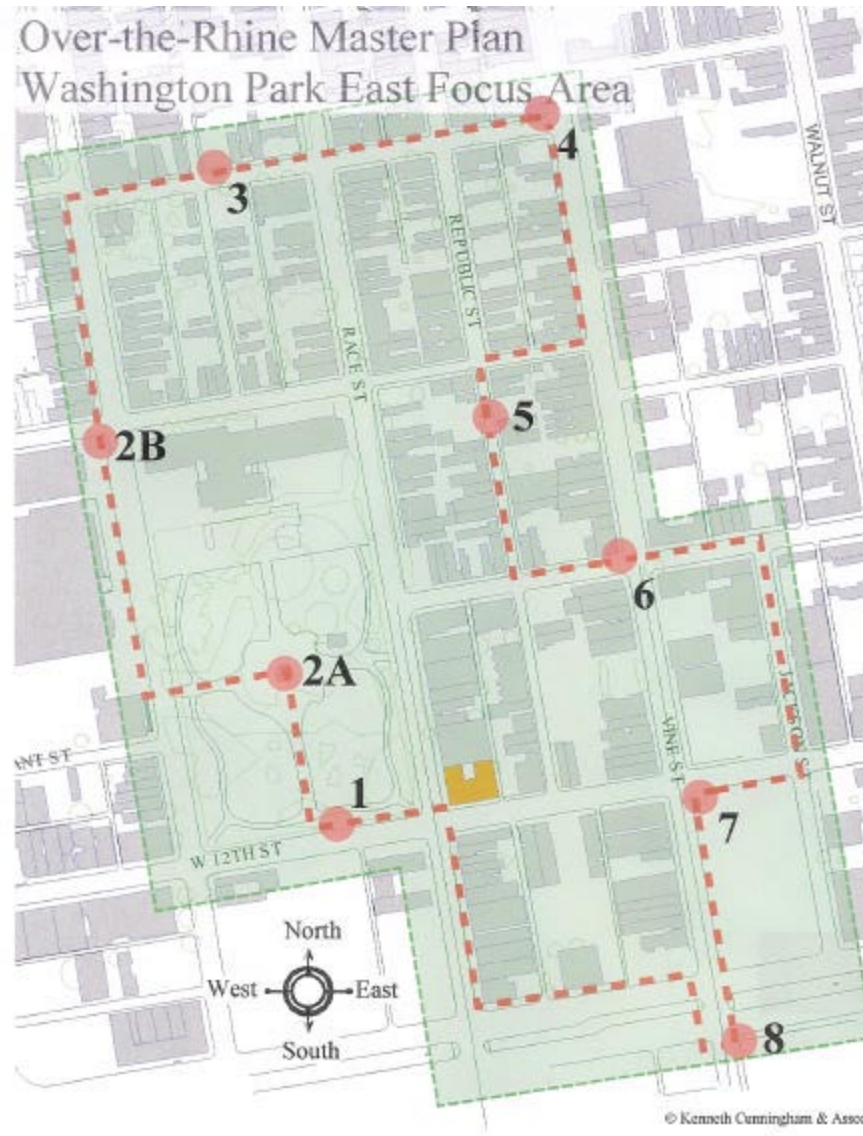
- Traffic engineering is a problem in area
- Everybody knows this point, and wants to get past here fast
- Frustration

- Recognition as important neighborhood intersection
- Underground utilities
- Loft apts in warehouse buildings
- Fixed up buildings, occupied
- Existing buildings are great
- More walking space
- Shops in area
- NE Gateway to OTR utilizing existing views down Vine Street
- Gateway

- Assume building will stay
- Reuse

- Sculpture
- Bus transport center (hub)
- Better pedestrian amenities
- Only survives as mass transit center
- Clock will work
- Old World look
- Round-a-bout with art or fountain to slow traffic
- Paving pattern that ties in with Liberty St.

OTR Comprehensive Plan WASHINGTON PARK EAST PARTICIPATION



The following pages contain the results of the Washington Park East Focus Area Walk-through Participation.

After the answers were tabulated, design elements were abstracted from the answers and utilized in a "Participatory Design Session". In this design session the participants placed these elements to create the basis for the final design documents. Along the way this process included conflict resolution processes for the participants to work out conflicting design ideas.

1. Start just East of the South entrance to Washington Park on 12th Street.

When I look I See:

- Wonderful stone entrance columns (gatepost)
- Large Parking lot
- YMCA
- Downtown
- City Hall, St Peter's, Plum St Temple
- Empty church, Occupied churches
- Drop-in-Center
- Cheap Store
- Barber shop
- Beeper place
- Bar
- Meeting Place
- Empty commercial space. 1st floors Race St.
- Beautiful big trees
- Our biggest green space as a Park
- Streets on 3 sides
- Stores
- Parking lot
- I don't see anything for the residents to take ownership, in a cultural sense
- Statues, but not representative of culture
- Benches and trash cans
- Drop in Center, good home for the homeless, it's clean
- Buildings, occupied and not, commercial & Residential
- Beautiful buildings
- A church maintained as historic
- Variety of people in the park
- First Reform Church, programs for neighborhood
- Nast Trinity, many programs for neighborhood
- Emanuel
- Thank God for Tender Mercies
- Buses going down Race Street
- Lots of Musicians
- Washington Park School, needs renovation
- We feel comfortable in this park
- Parking lot – hard surfaces
- Downtown
- People
- Electrical utility lines
- Cars
- Renaissance – all the same style architecture
- Max brick w/out windows
- Party walls
- Gothic Church
- Great sliver of lawn
- Advertising banners
- Parking lot
- Edge of downtown
- Beginning of OTR
- Old buildings
- Skyscrapers
- Residential units
- YMCA
- Cheap Store
- Church
- Deserted buildings down 12th (old college of medicine)
- Tender Mercies
- Main Street Entertainment District
- Commercial business
- People seated on wall of park
- Barbershop across the street
- Parking lot across the street
- Empty building across the street
- People hanging around (mostly men) leaning on buildings
- Beeper place
- Parked cars
- Restoc building
- Phone booth (usually in use)
- Drop in Center
- Church building
- Dumpster in street
- Large warehouse building on 12th & Central Pkw
- Historic buildings
- Queen city Radio

When I look I Know:

- School may be built on this lot
- A lot of underutilized & vacant space, even towards downtown
- 12th is a major East West through street (2-way street)
- lots of vehicular and foot traffic
- lots of traffic meters everywhere
- Lots of homeless and Tender Mercies tenants hang out on this area , except when the weather is bad
- Squirrels in the park
- Biggest green area in OTR
- Music Hall, Memorial Hall world wide reputation
- WP School is in plan to be moved or renovated and we have concerns about that

When I look I Assume:

- Rentals area market rate (unrestricted as a whole but at low rates)
- Residential units look occupied
- Non-local people avoid the area due to perceptions except for events at Music Hall Etc.
- Paid parking is lucrative, but not available for residential parking use, has hampered redevelopment
- I assume DIC will not be moved
- Tender Mercies will not be moved
- We can make improvement to the park
- The Mosaic bench will be placed here

- That there has been a threat to move the Drop in Center and we have concerns about that
- Residents should have a say about what's going on here
- DIC not standing in anybody's way
- I know there's tension between residents and visitors to Music Hall
- All buildings are old
- Lack of good planning
- Parking filled on weekdays (for people working downtown)
- Homeless & Drop-in / alcoholics are in this area
- Vacant buildings
- Short walk to Main St. Downtown
- A lot of trash (namely bottles)

- There will be more organized activities for adults and children
- We will maintain affordable housing around the park
- People in the park will be treated with respect and that everyone will be safe
- We will get a supervised public restroom in park, in daylight hours especially.
- That this area is not safe
- Assume a lot of buildings are vacant
- A lot of illegal activity (drug dealers)
- Parking lot is too big

- Bars that allow people to remain alcoholics
- Church is vacant
- Renovating rectory building
- 1st German church in City
- Newer city stopped at Central – it arbitrarily separated city
- Barbershop has been there for 10 years
- Safety and cleanliness is a concern
- Loitering is a concern

- Area will be cleaned up
- Area is not as dangerous as it looks
- It is dangerous at night
- Level of Commerce City ended here and it remained residential
- Strangers to the area would not be comfortable

When I look I Envision:

- Fabulous new School that works for the whole neighborhood (included mixed uses in the building, Recreation Commission and other community spaces) Green Architecture (green roof)
- Commercial frontage that is attractive on 12th
- Empty Church utilized as neighborhood center, training or treatment center, or another church
- Keeping a multi-cultural presence in Washington Park
- More grass and flowers and plants
- More street-trees, on residential streets
- Fence along the perimeter of park
- Cultural activities in the park that involves neighborhood residents
- Better parking facilities in area, but no residential buildings going down
- We want to see the skyline downtown, not obstructed by a huge tall structure
- Lots of people enjoying themselves in WP
- Old buildings will be torn down or renovated
- Envision replacement fencing around park
- Washington park school on parking lot site
- Galleria mall
- Clean up area
- Seasonal circus and game arcade
- Church being a Washington Park community center
- Less asphalt, a nicer parking lot with green space and trees
- The SE corner of 12th & Race is rehabbed
- A row of residential between the park and the parking lot facing north
- A school on the parking lot
- A safe area that is clean
- No loitering
- A new Washington Park School
- Shakespeare Festival occupying the church
- The needs of the homeless people met in a different location away from school children

2A. Walk through the South Gate, proceed up and into the Band Shelter.

When I look I See:

- Band shelter with a group drinking
- Beautiful S/F aggregate home
- Memorial Hall / Music Hall
- Deteriorated landscaped park
- Huge trees, Walkways
- Bathroom facility needs work
- Pigeons flying
- Attractive and newer lighting
- No picnic facilities (tables & benches)
- Not much of a Kids / Family park
- Benches, Cannon
- Garbage cans / park seems fairly clean
- Van pulls up w/ items for homeless population and people are coming.
- Historic buildings
- School and Pool
- Big trees
- Music Hall Memorial Hall
- Benches, storm grates
- Quality restoration
- People
- Protestant Church
- Toilets
- Monuments
- Asphalt Paving in Park
- For rent signs on building
- See a sign “This area can be reserved for use”
- I see folks using Band shelter and restrooms
- I see American flag flying in the front of Music Hall
- Something is happening at Music Hall
- Cars in parking lot
- Creative bench at NW corner of park
- Lots of people out in rain, watching
- I see housing around the park lots needing fixed up
- Sidewalks going in every direction
- I see the cannon and statues and OTR map at West entrance
- More traffic on Race than Elm
- Music hall, Memorial hall
- Big, good variety of trees
- Washington park school
- A nice band shelter
- Nice architecture
- Swimming pool and well maintained play yard
- Nice seating areas for public
- Glacial boulder
- Monuments
- Vacant and used building on fringe (good shape & Bad)
- Groups of African American men hanging out & talking
- Lots of large trees
- True Urban Park
- Music Hall, School, Memorial Hall
- Beautiful buildings on Elm
- Really substantial buildings
- Playground
- Historic markers
- Stone bathroom building
- Churches on East Side, community center, day care
- Music Hall, Memorial Hall
- Cars
- School, Swimming pool, Playground
- Steeples (3)
- Wonderful architecture
- Bathrooms
- Trees, Benches, Trash receptacles
- People
- Base wall for fence (old)
- Kroger building, Thrift store
- Drop-in-Center
- Residential
- Grass, Landscape missing, Parking
- Apartment houses
- 8 access points to park
- Monuments
- Front of parking structure on Central
- Outskirts of downtown
- Buildings
- People sleeping in park and on benches
- Loitering
- Trash / filth

When I look, I know:

- Park will be here for a long time
- Washington Park School will be demolished and replaced most likely moved
- Recreation area may be moved with school
- Subsidized housing / Tender Mercies will stay
- No memorial to black civil war veterans in park
- Regular thoroughfare walking NS
- People in the park sleep in Drop-in-center
- Park has history
- Washington Park School is not in good condition
- Plan for Sheil & SCPA
- Used to be Graveyard
- Used to be streetcars
- In August there is an OTR festival in the park
- Luminaria event happened here
- Mix of people chatty, different colors
- DIC residents painted band shelter
- Rails are needed for the steps to band stand for people with disabilities
- I want porch wheel chair assessable
- We need to continue having affordable housing around the park
- I want a picnic area and shelter in park
- Renovations to Music Hall
- Bathrooms slated for renovation
- Music Hall / Memorial Hall regional destination pts.
- Descent / good living spaces
- Historic buildings
- Historical plan included renovation at north end
- It is beautiful in spring and all seasons
- Washington Park slated for renovation
- Some revival will occur
- Drugs are sold here, lots of people drink here
- Was a Presbyterian cemetery
- People pass out food
- OTR festival is here
- Park board owns it, not recreation commission, changes how it is operated
- Was an old cemetery
- Lots of people who live in the buildings
- It is a community now
- Regulars use the park
- Vacant store fronts
- People fear occupying and walking through the park
- Maintenance of the park is very expensive
- Lights in the Gazebo are no longer turned on at night (perhaps some have been broken)
- Homeless people sleep in the park
- Alcohol and drugs in the park are a problem
- Using the park for a restroom is common

When I look, I assume:

- On entertainment nights, Parking will be tight, extra security forces
- On sunny day, lots of people in park
- Market rate people want to get their hands on housing.
- High crime area
- That people sleep in the park
- A lot of drug dealing in park
- That people that attend Music Hall do not use this park
- No kids play in park
- People that live here don't use the park as much as they could
- There will be wheel chair accessible areas, especially bandstand
- We will maintain the park and old trees
- We will come up with a good plan for WP School
- This can be a neighborhood-gathering place
- Washington Park School may utilize park during school days
- That the park is not used by patrons of Music Hall & Memorial Hall
- That after a Music Hall event people would like to stroll the park but don't
- That Bandstand isn't used for original purpose
- That pool is frequently used in the summer
- Park will be revitalized
- Park will always be a public gathering space
- If Washington Park School is torn down that park will be extended to 14th street
- That the people who pass out food don't follow up and clean up the mess
- That the area won't be developed significantly until the drinking and drugs are out of the park
- That some people need to be removed from the city / or economic development needs to happen
- That people who drink in the park are dangerous
- High maintenance to this place
- Unsafe after dark
- Is not unsafe after dark
- Integration between architectural scale to either side
- It will be an important neighborhood center
- That people come more from h'hood than from other n'hoods
- The neglect and problems are not being solved

When I look, I Envision:

- Mixed income
- Vibrant residential center
- Family outings
- Not a commercial area
- Major arts
- More diverse activities in arts buildings, community mixers
- Peaslee coordination for building “mosaic benches in park” Images of Peace
- Fence around Park
- Hide toilets
- Better lights
- Festivals
- Asphalt replaced
- Picnic facilities
- Swings in park
- Music in bandstand
- School doesn’t fit
- Preservation
- Existing kids area at north end of park water slide
- More organized community festivals, activities in the park
- More respect for the Drop in Center, Tender Mercies
- More children in the park
- Housing fixed up with residents not displaced
- More programs for workforce development
- Pool open longer hours
- An amphitheater
- Beautification of park
- Better connection between school and park
- Underground parking beneath school
- Underground parking beneath park
- Nicer furnishings and fountain within parking
- Larger residential units around park
- A pastoral influence on neighborhood
- A super nice community gathering place
- More festivals
- Bigger playground area
- Nicer garbage cans
- Historic fence around the whole park w/ 4 nicer entrances
- All the buildings around the park rehabbed
- More game tables and picnic tables and grills to cook on
- Landscape lights in trees
- Renovate the restrooms
- “dog loose”
- Expand park to 14th once the school goes
- Store fronts and cafes
- More and new benches
- Local bands playing music
- Integrated use of park, rich – poor, white – black
- Flowers
- Lots of people
- Park extended over northern boundary
- School on the south side of park across street
- More parking
- Not being displaced by whatever plans, that being difficult
- Concerns
- Family oriented events
- Picnics
- People walking around through the park
- Washington park extended to 14th street with a wonderful facility for recreation
- Lighting in all the trees at night

2B. Standing at the Southwest corner of 14th and Elm.

When I look, I See:

Skipped for this area

When I look, I Know:

- Washington Park School was built in the 50's, its here for now
- Violin shop, empty above (had a fire?)
- PAH offices, occupied rental, used to be a restaurant
- Wonderful Symphony Hotel
- Empty Denhart buildings
- Restoc, PAH & vacant smaller buildings on 14th could be homeownership
- Trolley tracks and brick/cobble are under most of the streets
- Traffic slows down on cobblestone
- Most buildings have front entry stoops
- School will move
- Build violins
- Safety is a concern for school
- Restoc is working hard at housing development in OTR
- I know Police station is close by
- Elm and 14th is a bus stop
- Multi commercial buildings at Elm and Central Pkw
- The community planted lots of trees down Elm
- There's a Clyde Hotel
- Lots of people go to Music Hall
- Gospel Mission has programs to help homeless
- Neighborhood people like school and want it renovated
- Vacant buildings
- Buildings being renovated
- Some preservation of existing buildings
- Very busy intersection
- Washington park school doesn't fit with surrounding architecture
- A lot of residential sites on Pleasant St.
- The school building is ugly and not insync with the rest of buildings
- Storefronts would be used
- Symphony Hotel
- Bacchus restaurant was here
- Is a mixture of residences and businesses
- The street is architecturally diverse and nice
- The trees on Elm are nice
- Empty houses could be rehabbed, but speculators have upped the price
- Music Hall people park and take up parking from residents
- Trolley used to go down this street
- This is where I vote
- This is a school Music Hall is a wonderful place
- Music hall windows are walled
- On the corner I see Restoc offices providing service
- I see a building it will fall down any time
- I see a cellos, Violas, shop on corner, musicians like to see that
- For lease apartments
- A lot of power cables (wiring)
- A large warehouse and apt. on Central

When I look, I Assume:

Skipped for this area

When I look, I Envision:

- Housing to replace School on north edge of park
- Expand park into vacated school area, developed for family activities
- Underground parking below the park
- Residential parking stickers for this neighborhood, problems with Music Hall patrons taking up all the on street parking at night
- Better pedestrian lighting
- Trees on sidewalks
- Utilities underground
- Play area
- A nice sidewalk café
- More trees down 14th from Race to Central Pkw
- Residential buildings renovated and occupied
- Buildings suited for residential community
- Vacant buildings being renovated
- Corner buildings become jewels of the corner (restaurant / coffee houses)
- Partial school demo/ parking lot removal, landscaping
- Better parking for music hall mixed use community
- More landscape
- People living in area (more people)
- Street Lights
- Cobblestone street / sidewalk enhancement and underground utilities
- Rehabbed buildings on Elm
- No school building / more park

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- Storefronts used
 - Mixed use
 - More trees further south
 - The vibrant residential city center
 - Resident parking only / sticker parking
 - All wires underground
 - Renovated buildings and people living in them
 - Commercial on ground floor
 - Streetscaping, planters, period lights
 - School as green space
 - Vibrant entertainment location
 - Lots of activity @ Music Hall
 - Sidewalks in good repair
 - Texture road surfaces
 - Open windows in Music Hall
 - Tie in Music Hall with other features in the community

3. Walking to just east of Pleasant Street on 15th Street.

When I look, I See:

- Lovely new construction
- Abandoned building
- Empty lot
- People's names on the walls
- People (younger) standing on corners
- Vacant church
- Lots of street trees
- Nice architectural detailing on building with grocery
- Play area
- Grocery store
- Lots of foot traffic
- Lots of car traffic
- Dog with a coat on
- Traffic is going north and west (two one-way streets)
- Can see to Vine and Elm streets
- Artwork on Park walls (drawings)
- Various sizes and scales of buildings
- Buildings look structural sound though abandoned
- Trash
- Findlay Market
- Empty building
- Vacant playground
- Small scale building
- Walt's grocery busy
- Drug dealing
- Nice locust trees
- Community garden
- Little playground, nice equipment surrounded by vacant buildings
- Active corner store
- Lack of green space and trees
- SE corner, beautiful new building
- Lots of potential for development
- Vacant lot
- Playground
- People standing
- Lots of opportunity
- Residential units
- St John's Church on corner
- New construction meshing with fabric of OTR
- Grocery stores
- Nice detail on buildings
- Nice trees
- Sand blasted buildings
- Clifton
- Playground
- Old shells
- Nice buildings
- The volunteers on Sat. who clear out and clean up buildings and lots
- Abandoned vacant buildings
- Graffiti
- Loitering
- A corner store
- Cute little building
- Tot lot
- An opportunity to add new life
- Trash litter
- Vacant lots

When I look, I Know:

- All rental property
- Restoc volunteers are working in the neighborhood
- Some guys are looking for drug deals
- On street parking is available with out meters
- I don't come this way often (down 15th street)
- City fixed roof of Church, looking for a buyer
- Fire in one building
- Subsidized housing in area
- New building is a group home
- Not safe here at night
- Playground not used
- Mixed race neighborhood
- Vacant buildings on corners of Pleasant, Elm
- Real potential here
- Restoc has plan for home ownership
- New construction vs. old
- Renovation of existing structures
- Denhart properties
- Lots of drugs sold here
- No one picks up garbage
- There is a church, is going to be rehabbed
- Findlay mkt is at end of St.
- Trouble area (drugs)
- A open business
- No investment
- Is a shame
- Close to Vine Street
- Great location (could be)
- Within walking distance

When I look, I Assume:

- This is a trouble spot
- People who live here stay inside at night
- A passerby comments "Chase them off the street" referring to the drug dealers
- Many could be converted into single family homeownership
- Very abandoned spot
- Poverty is a mindset
- Things will get developed and improved
- The Old historic church at SW corner of race and 15th will come alive with programs to benefit neighborhood people

- New construction would not pass muster from historic division
- Police would get rid of drug dealers
- Assume kids do not play on playground
- No one wants to come here because of drugs
- Could be thriving residential area
- Receivership program on vacant buildings

When I look, I Envision:

- Single Family/ duplex homeownership (owner occupied)
- Buildings having nice backyards, courtyards, terraces, porches, balconies, roof decks
- Diverse occupied buildings
- A happening church or meeting center with a commercial business to support it
- Vibrant commercial space
- Grocery store with out street action
- Legalized drugs, get the pushers off the streets, reduce crime
- No loud music
- In-fill housing
- Greenspace
- Vibrant playground, more murals art, trees for shade, benches, picnic tables, flowers
- Walking commuters
- Great inner city
- Playground improved, trash cans, lights
- Filled buildings
- Diversity where people get along
- Housing renovated and lots of people
- Using the park
- More Trees, Benches
- Hope for the area
- More inviting playground
- More green space
- This community a safer place for families
- Rehab buildings
- Pick up litter and eliminate graffiti
- Nicer streetscape
- Occupied buildings
- Public park for community car repair possibly indoor

- Tear down 2 buildings on 15th
- Owners are laggards
- Lots of drugs sold here its dangerous here
- Absentee (careless) landlords
- Denhart abandoning buildings will have negative effect

- Infill housing on vacant lots
- All rehabbed buildings
- The Church being utilized
- Community police center
- Home ownership
- A real park, trees
- Pedestrian only street (Pleasant) flowing to the new park
- Parking here
- Bigger grocery
- Key corner in pedestrian neighborhood
- Glass in windows
- Trees
- Green
- People in buildings
- Police foot patrol
- People being occupied in legitimate activity
- Off street parking

- It will be an enormous effort to revitalize the corner
- No one wants to live here
- Buildings will require a lot of money to rehab

4. Walk to the corner of 15h and Vine Street.

When I look, I See:

- Empty theater
- Sara Center on corner
- Great buildings, 3-6 stories
- Rosco and Dollar store
- Stores Open!
- Lots of busy traffic
- Buildings for sale
- 5 & 6 story buildings are tough projects due to building code
- Kroger store
- Active Bar
- Paint Store
- Smitty's stores
- 4 vacant/parking lots within eye shots
- Metered parking on street
- Kroger
- Clinic
- Abandoned building
- Theater
- Traffic, cars, pedestrian
- Lots of shops
- Poverty
- Pot smoke
- Big Kroger building down town
- Lot of people and activity
- Police officer
- Traffic
- Kroger store
- A Bar
- Abandoned buildings
- Beautiful architecture
- Bars / gates in front of stores
- Traffic stopped by Kroger truck
- Busy street
- Old Empire theatre
- Dairy Queen
- Commercial space unused
- Kroger store
- Medical center
- Small shops
- Empire theater
- Tacky signage
- Vacant businesses
- Kroger, ugly building behind it
- Medical center ugly
- Big vacant building
- St Francis
- All the nice Vine Street buildings
- Smitty's
- Ugly Kroger signs
- Empire theater
- Kroger store & Kroger Tower
- Abandoned buildings
- Smitty's
- Empire building
- Police
- 5 story building architecture
- Medical center
- Businesses
- Signs (ugly signs)
- Signs stuck on elect poles
- Pay phones
- Litter
- Boarded up windows

When I look, I Know:

- Vital district
- Main connection downtown to UC
- Can see downtown and Hillside to UC
- Cincinnati Color Moving
- People want a better grocery store
- Lots of potential for mixed use and market rate housing
- Not a lot of green / no street trees
- Medical center is active / clinic and dental
- Lot of Drug dealing
- Businesses are afraid
- Paint store, Smitty's, Rohs very successful
- Well lit
- Debate about Kroger store
- I know restoc's Vine street comm project will soon break ground
- Leshaun Peitis Brown is looking to purchase Empire theater
- Neighborhood people want improved store
- We had lots of businesses close and we want neighborhood serving business on Vine St.
- Vine Street got more hectic when converted to 2-way
- The Empire was not bought
- Need for a better Kroger
- The mayor is "behind" rehabbing Vine
- Wilers old saloon is in green building
- Unused store fronts
- 2 long term businesses
- Kroger is inadequate, low service store higher priced
- Vine used to be the best street in Cincinnati
- Signs non conforming
- Empire has been purchased and will be rehabbed
- A neighborhood in decline
- Façade program targets Vine St.
- Crossing signal is louder than normal
- Driveway into Kroger site is not built right
- Lot of retailer along this area

When I look, I Assume:

- Not to many people care about their buildings (yet)
- Noisy traffic, trucks, busses
- Regular traffic jams
- Façade program would make a big difference
- Today is the 2nd first of the month lots of money to spend

When I look, I Envision:

- Vibrant business area
- More open business
- One way traffic
- Traffic pattern that works!
- Light Rail
- Occupied market rate and mixed use housing
- Parking garage for residents and retail use
- Empire redone, lots of patrons
- Beautiful area
- Painted buildings
- Trees
- Public art
- Seating on sidewalks for cafes, open store front cafes / stores
- More activity
- More diversity
- More vitality
- Decent place to eat
- Hope

- This is a successful business street
- Money from businesses not put into neighborhood
- Affordable housing will be on Vine Street
- More Trees on Vine
- Changing occupancy
- Revitalization is going on

- A bigger better grocery store
- Neighborhood serving businesses, laundry mat, Drug Store, 5 & dime, Family restaurant w/o alcohol (evening hours), movie theatre
- Pedestrian safety
- Improved side walks, handicap accessible
- Tree lined, flowers around trees
- Affordable housing
- Rebuilt Kroger with parking garage
- Rehab Empire Theater
- Central assembly major contributor
- Something else at location of Crossroads Center
- Hotel @ corner of E. 15th and Vine
- Place for commercial vs. residential
- Renovate grand stone building
- New asphalt
- Underground utilities
- Streetscape improvements, classy and elegant
- Store fronts utilized by small food shops

- What I see here will go somewhere else
- Better flow of traffic
- Kroger is to move out

- Residential / business mix, but all store fronts used as stores
- Lofts on 15th St. NE
- Keep current businesses
- Main shopping artery for OTR
- Transition past connects to work
- Mixed uses
- Lighting
- Sidewalks
- People
- Rstoc Vine street projects finished in 1870's
- More entertainment
- Liberty / Vine corner a Civic Garden (youth)
- Paint and windows now
- Healthcare building "gone"
- Kroger, bring store out to street, parking under (IGA on Ludlow)

5. Walk South on Vine to 14th Street West on 4th to Republic and South a few buildings.

When I look, I See:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empty buildings• Occupied buildings• Trash• Vacant lots, opportunity for green space and parking• Wire cut• One way street• Nice cars• Almost no pedestrian traffic• 3-4 story buildings• 2-5 story mostly bigger• Trees at back of empty lots• Street trees north of 14th none south• Street is wider north of 14th• Same as #3 pleasant and 15th• Potential for infill housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residential• 2 or more vacant lots (5 lots)• Vacant buildings• Dumpsters• Empty lot• A pass through park• Trees• Lots of pedestrians• Graffiti• Lots of pedestrians• Back of Emmanuel Community center• Ugly window grates• St. John's steeple• Nice trees• Open space | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vacant buildings• Nice buildings (1885 awesome!)• 50 /50 habitation• Disrepair• Paint coming off building• Building to fall• Fire escapes• Disrepair• Trash• Sidewalk broken• AAA building• Federated Building• Street trees to the North |
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When I look, I Know:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One-way• Denhart owns the majority of it / and for sale• Occupied and vacant are multi-family• ? Front doors to buildings some missing• Space for green areas and parking• Wider street lends it self to trees• Granite curbs in good shape sidewalks need repair | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corner commercial one open barber shop other vacant• Same as #3 pleasant and 15th• Republic is primarily residential• There are lots of vacant lots for potential infill and or green space• The recycle truck does not service our street | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Denhart buildings• Looks quiet• Drug dealing around this corner• Building code compliance |
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When I look, I Assume:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A lot will happen here, given the opportunity• Few occupied market rate housing• Same as #3 pleasant and 15th• It will stay residential | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some smaller buildings developed for home ownership• Police just missed drug deal (let them do it)• Buildings that will not be rehabbed |
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When I look, I Envision:

- Fully occupied area with green space and off street parking. Market rate housing
- Commercial spaces occupied
- Same as #3 pleasant and 15th
- Home ownership opportunities
- More green space
- More trees and flowers
- Better recycling methods
- A spot where residents bring their recyclables
- Location of 1st time home buyers
- Location for infill residential
- Rehab of existing buildings
- Landscaping
- Lively residential street (low traffic)
- Well done parking lot in vacant lots
- Nicer walk through park
- Pedestrian street
- Trees all along street and in empty lots / new parking lots
- More balconies off the buildings
- Variety of parks
- Safety
- Opportunity to realize improvements
- Trees
- Pocket parks, seating and BBQ areas
- Better quality of life
- No security screens on windows
- Sidewalk repairs
- Granite curbs keep and repair

6. Walk South on Republic to 13th Street and East to Vine Street.

When I look, I See:

- Vacant corner buildings
- Buddies Place, looks beautiful
- Albert's market
- Hardware Store
- Art Store
- Venus Club (lots of HVAC on roof), Warehouse club
- Foot and vehicle traffic
- Beat cops on foot
- Great architecture (bays on building SW corner)
- Kroger building
- Murals vandalized
- Old St. Mary's steeple, hear bells
- Metered street parking
- Drainage that doesn't work
- Fences next to Buddies Place are getting beat up
- Lots and Lots of parking lots
- Guys hanging out
- Bad sidewalks, cracks etc.
- Jackson lofts
- Vacant building
- Suders Art store
- Buddy's place, renovated building
- Recovery hotel, renovated building
- Alberts walk-in grocery store
- NW corner will soon be developed
- I can see Washington Park from here
- Couple of Street Trees
- Recovery hotel
- Buddies Place
- Store, electronic arts
- Retail
- Vacant buildings
- Jackson Lofts
- Restaurant
- St. Mary's steeple
- Phone Pay (bad)
- Peeling paint
- Hillside up Vine
- Murals
- Carew Tower and Downtown Buildings
- Washington Park
- Amin Street
- Restoc building part of Vine street project
- A person in wheelchair
- Empty building
- Billboard
- Lots of people walking to and from
- Suders Art Store
- A couple of clubs
- Beautiful old buildings, at least the upper stories
- Close proximity to the "clean, corporate downtown"
- Two church steeples
- Some trash on the street and sidewalks
- All buildings of human scale (4 stories)
- That 98% of the people are African American
- Five trees along the 4 blocks
- Several trash containers

When I look, I Know:

- Cops walking beat
- Buildings are for sale
- Vital Vine street and space
- Germania group doing nothing with parking lot, giving no access to building that backs up to it
- 2 buildings to become market rate
- Lots of traffic
- Restoc building to be done on corner. (One with murals) (3 on the corner)
- Nightclub area
- Tim Thomas shot here
- Lots of shootings here over the years
- Fred Burger and Denhart own vacant buildings
- There was a daycare on SW corner
- Jimmy Skinner
- No windows on store
- Restoc is contributing to bringing Vine street back to life
- There is lots of attention and tension about Vine Street
- Neighborhood residents want to live and be served by businesses on Vine Street.
- Restoc rehab
- Buildings identified for façade rehab
- Focus of n'hood redevelopment
- Target area
- That it is safer than most Cincinnatians feel and yet, some guy shot his gun a few steps from where I stand a week ago today
- That most people are just going about their business, some are hanging out at Albert's Mkt

When I look, I Assume:

- Lots of vacant housing for market rate and subsidized
- Poverty
- Neglected
- Cycle of poverty
- Not welcoming
- Dis-investment
- The city won't displace the poor

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- That this neighborhood will be mixed and a variety of housing types
 - More interest to live here
 - Affordable / mixed housing
 - New lighting on street

When I look, I Envision:

- Street trees
- Green space
- Buildings painted
- Occupied buildings
- Vital street level businesses
- Community Art space gallery
- Mosaic work done by volunteers in Buddies Place
- Lively businesses
- More store fronts full
- Variety of retail
- More density
- Arts community, encourage
- Wires, Poles, Signs coordinated
- Better paving
- More murals on buildings
- More neighborhood serving businesses
- More trees and flowers
- Nice Deli
- Produce store, in and outside
- Community art center on Vine Street
- Child care center near by
- Off street parking
- More police walking on foot relating with neighborhood residents to build mutual respect
- Redo sidewalks
- Pedestrian focus street
- Residential parking on both sides
- Walking promenade with residents in middle
- Housing filled
- Infill at corner lot
- Architectural rehab
- Architectural elements at corner
- Pocket parking at corner lot
- Attention to streetscape

- Blooming flower program – miracle mile
- Rehab to commercial and residential
- This page of OTR history coming to an end
- That folks who are hanging out are possibly up to no good

- That there is great potential for neighborhood improvement
- That a lot of cars on 13th and on Vine are passing through- some are cruising

- Greenery
- Full store fronts
- Same as #4
- Rehabbed buildings store fronts
- Residential / Commercial up-graded
- Visual appearance improved
- No lead content on buildings (environment safe)
- People's place
- The buildings being fixed up in keeping with their historic character
- Greater diversity of population
- More trees in the sidewalks
- More commercial businesses in the first floor spaces
- More places like Buddy's Place being used for a neighborhood art project (mosaic bench for Washington Park)

7. Continue walking East on 13th Street to Jackson, South on Jackson to 12th Street and West on 12th to Vine. Remembering back to where you have just walked.

When I look, I See:

- Façade grant work done on building
- Bank Café
- Parking lots (2 large)
- Art center
- Hotel sign
- 3 Liquor licensed grocery stores in 1 block
- Busy intersection
- Walking standing in rain
- Few vacant building
- On street metered parking
- Carew Tower top
- Billboards
- Parking lots
- Empty storefronts
- Ensemble Theater is beautiful
- Huge Kroger Building
- Buildings are attractive
- Lots of vacant lots
- See downtown
- Tall buildings on south side of Central Pkw
- Busy bus stop
- Bank Café
- Ensemble theater
- Lots of pedestrians
- Axis linking two towers (Pendleton and Park Churches)
- Unwelcome gap b/w Central Pkw and OTR
- Barrelhouse Brewery Building
- Good Karma
- Commerce
- Some fine renovations on Jackson St.
- Mixed use buildings
- Parking lots warehouses
- New loft rehab on 12th
- Parking lots
- Commercial
- Surface parking
- Ensemble theater
- Kroger building
- Open space
- Rehabbed buildings
- Signs of revitalization
- Billboards
- Chain link fencing
- Nightclubs (crappy)
- Tall art deco
- 513 Sport ware
- Café
- Participators
- A couple of industrial/ warehouse buildings, future home of the Art Academy of Cincinnati
- Several surface parking lots
- Lots of people standing on the NW corner, some at bus stop on SE corner, some going home from work
- Many empty buildings
- Ensemble Theater of Cincinnati – looking good
- Fairly heavy traffic- both on 12th and Vine
- Lots of trash between some buildings

When I look, I Know:

- Façade Grants, problems with lead abatement
- Lenhart owns lots of this area
- Art Academy is coming in 2005
- Parking lot is ripe for development to Support art Academy and neighborhood
- Restoc lot / plan for redo, green wall
- Hard to find parking if you live here, lots are taken, and on-street is metered
- Need secure parking for residents
- Underutilized
- Not maintained
- Empty apartments
- “Underutilized space”
- Tender Mercies
- Package Liquor Store
- Playground for Hale Justice
- Hale-Justic has been refitted for the “gentry”
- Two-way Vine is dangerous
- The city blackmailed 1214 Vine from Restoc
- Tenants on 13th have burning problem
- Buildings scheduled for rehab
- Lot of pedestrian traffic
- Traffic
- Art Academy moving to Barrel House building

When I look, I Assume:

- Transition from CBD to OTR
- Residential spaces are vacant/ redevelopment will happen fast
- Downtown workers will want to live here
- Ensemble Theater will attract complementary businesses
- Parking Lots will have more vital uses

When I look, I Envision:

- Signage welcoming people
- Mixed use structure on parking lot, commercial street level with parking garage and housing on top
- Art students housing
- Street Trees and green space
- Full occupancy of buildings
- Lenhart Parking lot (N of 12th) could be structured parking with residential on top
- Grocery store in 1st floor commercial (Wild Oats, Whole Foods type)
- Commercial revitalization
- Underground parking garage w/ retail above
- Retail Retail Retail
- Painted buildings
- Traffic lights area a nuisance people avoid it, lights not sequenced
- Vine St. with more neighborhood businesses serving the residents
- More Trees
- One-way Vine
- Community meeting space
- Maintain the current human service organizations
- The removal of the large billboard on the SE corner of 12th and Vine
- Commercial mixed use as a cross street to Vine / could work off Vine pedestrian traffic
- 2 way traffic link to energy (charma) on Central Pkw, while keeping quieter storefront identity
- Add streetscape / change pavement
- More trees, landscaping
- New full service Kroger store, no need for a super store, and parking for store

- Parking is for Kroger only
- Illegal Activity
- That food sold is unhealthy
- Positives from Main Street
- Alcoholics
- Neighborhood businesses will be supported while Vine St. is being “revitalized”.

- Commercial use to remain
- More private investment
- Fix parking lot
- That more window boxes must be brought here
- That the many young black men here are unemployed

- More neighborhood serving businesses while preserving current businesses and services
- Remove giant billboard!
- More multicultural murals
- Maintain OTR neighborhood boundaries as predominantly residential
- Billboard gotta go
- Parking lots landscaped
- Parking structures to combine with other uses
- Job training somewhere in the neighborhood
- Fewer carry out stores with “beer, wine, food, lottery & check cashing”
- A bank branch office
- A parking / housing/ retail building on the large parking lot
- Some in-fill new structures on the NE corner

8. Walk South on Vine and cross Central Parkway standing next to the Kroger Building

When I look, I See:

- Buildings of great scale and architecture
- Commercial building on SE
- Parking lot on SW
- CMHA on NW and commercial stores
- Huge parking lot on NE w/ Hale Justice, America and Emory
- Great divide between OTR and CBD
- Boulevard green space from canal location
- Wonderful historic lighting (should be replicated)
- Modern lights
- Traffic in all directions
- 2-way Vine North of here, 1-way Vine south of here
- New trees in median
- Banners on Lights (the event there adv. is over)
- Surface parking lots
- Mural
- YMCA
- Billboard
- Separation
- Skywalk
- Trees in sidewalk
- Tall buildings
- Hale Justice
- Where money goes and where money stops
- Busy Central Pkw street
- Lack of intimacy, friendliness
- The huuge ugly Kroger billboard
- The parking lot that should be a grocery store
- The YMCA
- The Clifton Hill
- Huge mural
- Big scale buildings
- Wide streets with much car traffic (8 lane boulevard) less pedestrian
- Good landscaped center island
- Curtain wall construction with some italianate
- Salvation Army
- YMCA
- Some streetscape in island
- CMHA office building
- Parking lots
- Residential / commercial mix
- Mural
- Ugly billboard
- Advertising
- Mixed architecture
- Median Landscaped
- Shift between building scales
- Buses
- Parking
- Building bridges (2nd level walkway)
- Drop in Center
- Old and New
- An ugly billboard hawking Kroger's Seafood
- A great divide – Central Parkway with itty-bitty planting
- Professional people walking from work- to their cars?
- Buses heading north and east
- Fairly nondescript, except America Building, Emory and Alms & Dopke to the East
- An interesting architectural Tromp-l'oeil mural
- Typically better cars then at 13th /Vine & 12th / Vine

When I look, I Know:

- Lots happening, new housing is fully occupied at Hale Justice and Emory
- Green space accents help a lot for parking area
- Open spacious feeling
- Resident friendly, but signage for tourist is needed
- Major bus routs heading north split at this point on Vine
- Kroger was going to build a building on parking lot
- Central Pkw. Was a canal now subway tunnel
- Traffic patterns
- DCI wants to have more influence on OTR and change the boundary between downtown and OTR, which will affect the "local neighborhood".
- Outside the OTR plan area Boundary
- Central Pkw was a canal
- There is an underground structure (subway)
- That, across the street from the Kroger Company's headquarters, its impact is a small rock with its name,
- A bunch of cars in Allright Parking lot
- A billboard and a pathetic sign up the street
- That here is where significant Cincinnati corporate investment stops

When I look, I Assume:

- Not much will change on the South side or NW corner
- Stable area
- But more is going on than we know
- Assume the NW corner is/will be occupied
- Gateway
- Division between CBD & OTR
- Billboards
- Great contrast South to North
- Assume Kroger controls corners

When I look, I Envision:

- Developing Commercial on NW corner with parking and housing above should be 5-6 stories
- Housing facing Central other sides should look nice for OTR residence to look at
- Signage welcome to OTR / gateway
- Green roofs on buildings
- Gateway to OTR from city
- Bus stop with seats
- Large commercial building at NE corner
- Defined crosswalks
- Connection from Court St. to Vince St.
- A grocery store on the big Kroger parking lot with underground garage
- Trees lining Central Parkway
- Use the tunnel under Central Parkway for Parking
- Underground parking garage
- Storefront buildings with apartments above along vine
- Widen median to make more pedestrian friendly
- Bump-outs to protect pedestrians
- High end development, Make Central Pkw more prominent
- Kroger full service store with underground parking
- No billboard
- Street lamps (ped type)
- Places to sit
- Decent bus stop
- Trees
- Feature on pavement to highlight place
- Order / consistency on Vine street
- One way Vine / Two Way.
- A building on the parking lot block
- Central Parkway being a great boulevard for significant stretches again
- The Art Academy at 12th & Jackson
- In-fill architecture
- Mature trees in the boulevard along with sculpture

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OTR Comprehensive Plan

VINE STREET PLAN

The Vine Street Plan.

The Vine Street Plan was developed utilizing the existing designs and data from the Liberty Street, Findlay Market East and Washington Park East Studies. Information included on this plan shows the locations of existing businesses based on their hours of operation; daytime, evening and both. Additionally current rehabilitation and façade program projects are mapped on the plan to provide a visual accounting of where the high energy / investment areas exist along Vine Street. The goal of this mapping is to encourage additional investments in the high-energy area to support and create critical masses of redevelopment along the street.



APPENDIX B

LIST OF DEMOGRAPHICS

CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS	9	9	9	10	10	10	11	11	11	16	16	16	17	17	17	YEARLY TOTALS		
CENSUS YEARS	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990
POPULATION																		
TOTAL POPULATION	3562	2616	2614	2893	2322	1594	1971	1711	1191	3055	2961	2312	3544	2307	1861	15,025	11,914	9572
WHITE	2000	811	765	2569	1584	828	401	187	177	1794	962	472	2358	857	403	9122	4214	2468
BLACK	1522	1790	1820	315	729	746	1563	1513	1005	1249	1983	1817	1181	1434	1447	5830	7449	6835
OTHER	40	15	29	9	9	20	7	11	9	12	16	23	5	16	11	66	56	83
TOTAL AGE DISTRIBUTION																		
19 and UNDER	961	665	668	1028	789	537	694	716	496	1067	1045	924	1480	934	732	5230	4149	3357
20 - 24	205	201	193	180	177	117	147	152	88	185	239	148	219	204	148	936	973	694
25 - 64	1759	1290	1511	1271	1067	800	886	684	539	1341	1222	956	1420	934	850	6617	5197	4656
65 and OVER	647	460	242	414	289	140	244	156	68	462	455	284	425	235	131	2192	1595	865
HOUSEHOLDS																		
TOTAL # OF HOUSEHOLDS			1090			752			499			1112			827		5611	4280
SINGLE PERSON HOUSEHOLDS																		
MARRIED COUPLE HOUSEHOLDS		223	80		201	104		121	51		239	80		194	83		978	398
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND		208	243		217	169		210	178		339	337		255	217		1229	1144
INCOME																		
HOUSEHOLDS		1348	1087		1059	751		810	517		1291	1129		1103	805		5611	4289
BELOW \$10,000		1188	884		871	539		703	331		1054	967		903	641		4719	3362
\$10,000 - \$25,000		135	163		180	167		100	115		214	134		152	117		781	696
\$25,000 - \$35,000		16	26		8	23		7	17		15	9		13	0		59	75
\$35,000 - \$50,000		0	14		0	na		0	18		0	na		24	22		24	54
OVER \$50,000		9	0		0	22		0	36		8	19		11	25		28	102
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD		3934	5000		4027	5008		4370	5000		4211	5000		3933	5000		4095	5000
POVERTY																		
BELOW 18	358	540	494	485	481	422	478	312	426	651	736	783	855	674	536	2827	2743	2661
65 and OVER	441	214	111	279	161	106	118	101	17	288	211	149	271	188	78	1387	875	461
FAMILIES BELOW POVERTY	242	286	309	238	250	210	184	207	172	284	423	431	325	304	205	1273	1470	1327
% BELOW POVERTY	38.50%	64.30%	78.60%	36.90%	55.80%	73.90%	41.60%	54.90%	67.70%	41.50%	63.20%	85.70%	40.80%	62.00%	69.50%	39.80%	61.30%	79.20%

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CENSUS YEARS	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990	1970	1980	1990
EMPLOYMENT																		
EMPLOYED	1160	481		844	397	350	596	336	277	820	601	342	856	306	381	4276	2121	2048
UNEMPLOYED	95	254	178	97	214	115	65	127	84	95	130	157	110	113	130	462	838	664
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT																		
TOTAL POPULATION - 25 and OVER	2334	1639	1789	1713	1268	903	1091	972	567	1804	1581	1156	1861	1265	1001	8803	6725	5416
LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	1921	1349	888	1500	1025	468	956	730	274	1657	1171	714	1692	1025	535	7726	5300	2879
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	312	208	597	161	209	265	89	172	95	87	305	255	132	199	346	781	1093	1558
SOME COLLEGE	36	18	241	35	28	93	34	27	69	19	74	108	28	16	64	152	163	575
COLLEGE GRADUATE	65	64	63	17	6	77	12	43	129	41	31	79	9	25	56	144	169	404
HOUSING																		
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	2440	1899	1534	1438	1472	938	1053	926	568	1747	1754	1453	1687	1261	1162	8365	7312	5655
OWNER OCCUPIED	66	51	20	63	29	28	44	30	42	36	63	25	90	47	43	299	220	158
RENTER OCCUPIED	1800	1376	1070	1172	1067	724	793	667	457	1322	1298	1087	1272	930	784	6359	5338	4122
VACANT	574	471	444	203	374	186	216	229	69	389	392	341	325	280	335	1707	1746	1375
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT																		
BEFORE 1939	2333	1512	970	1370	1087	743	883	794	398	1661	1121	1047	1603	928	831	7850	5442	4160
BETWEEN 1940 - 1959	71	296	217	68	319	72	129	86	75	72	431	161	84		146	424	1132	671
BETWEEN 1960 - 1979	21	105	350		58	96	10	53	54	16	235	205		142	92	47	593	797
BETWEEN 1980 - 1990			19			66		10	39		47	0			26			150
MOBILITY IN LAST 5 YEARS (PERSONS 5 YEARS and OVER)																		
NO MOBILITY - SAME HOUSE	1223	965	835	982	548	598	917	788	338	829	1186	884	938	915	829	4889	4402	3484
MOVED FROM WITHIN THE CITY	1188	1333	957	1170	975	589	547	558	492	1675	1201	943	1612	1016	612	6192	5083	3593
MOVED FROM OUTSIDE OF THE CITY	327	207	573	214	571	199	71	183	214	228	248	179	263	158	192	1103	1367	1357
MOVED FROM ABROAD		0	0		7	10		0	0	4	0	0		0	0	4	7	10

APPENDIX C

BUILDINGS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Over-The-Rhine Historic Resources Definitions And Data

Local Landmark (2 Total). “Local Landmarks” in Over-the-Rhine are individual buildings recognized as important to the history and development of Cincinnati.

- Cincinnati Music Hall, 1234 Elm Street
- St. Mary’s Church, School and Rectory, 123 E 13th Street

Local Historic District (3 Total). A “Local Historic District” is a collection of buildings recognized as important to the history and development of Cincinnati.

- Over-the-Rhine (North) Historic District
- Over-the-Rhine (South) Historic District
- Mohawk-Bellevue NBD Historic District

National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (14 total). Generally called the “National Register” or the “NRHP”. The NRHP is the Nation’s official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. It includes districts, buildings, objects, and archaeological sites of local, state, and/or national significance. See Table 1 for the National Register listed resources and districts located in Over-the-Rhine.

Although the National Register is a National Park Service program, it is administered at the state level by each respective state. In Ohio, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office in Columbus administers the National Register program.

National Historic Landmark (NHL) (1 total). “National Historic Landmarks”, or “NHLs”, are the most significant places to the history of the United States. NHLs are also listed jointly in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service administers the NHL program.

- Cincinnati Music Hall, 1234 Elm Street

Sources:

Local Landmarks and Local Historic Districts

- Cincinnati Historic Conservation Office (Cincinnati, OH)

National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks

- Cincinnati Historic Conservation Office (Cincinnati, OH)
- Ohio Historic Preservation Office (Columbus, OH)
- Department of the Interior, National Park Service (Washington, D.C.)

Historic Tax Credit Projects

Ohio Historic Preservation Office (Columbus, OH)

Historic Resources In Over-The-Rhine

Abbreviations: NHL = National Historic Landmark; NRHP = National Register of Historic Places;
Local Landmark or Historic District = Locally Designated by the City of Cincinnati

Present Name/Other Name(s)	Address or Boundaries	Status
Over-the-Rhine Historic District	Generally bounded by Liberty St, Central Pkwy, Sycamore St, Branch St, and Mulberry Ave	NRHP District
Over-the-Rhine (South) Historic District	Generally bounded by Liberty St, Reading Rd, and Central Pkwy	Local Historic District
Over-the-Rhine (North) Historic District	Generally bounded by Liberty St, Central Pkwy, Sycamore St, Branch St, and Mulberry Ave	Local Historic District
Mohawk-Bellevue NBD Historic District	Two blocks along W McMicken Ave west of Ravine St	Local Historic District
Alms & Doepke Dry Goods Company Building	222 E Central Pkwy	NRHP Listed
Apostolic Bethlehem Temple Church/St John's Unitarian Church	1205 Elm St	NRHP Listed
Samuel Burdsal House	1342 Broadway Ave	NRHP Listed
Cincinnati Music Hall	1243 Elm St	NHL, NRHP Listed, Local Landmark
Findlay Market Building	1800 Elm St	NRHP Listed
First German Methodist Episcopal Church	1310-1312 Race St	NRHP Listed
Hamilton County Memorial Building/Soldiers & Sailors Memorial	NWC Elm St & Grant St	NRHP Listed
Theodore Krumberg Building	1201 Main St	NRHP Listed
S.C. Mayer Residence	1614 Main St	NRHP Listed
Bernard Ratterman House	1349 Broadway Ave	NRHP Listed
St. Mary's Church, School and Rectory	123 E 13th St	NRHP Listed, Local Landmark
St. Paul's Church	1134 Pendleton St	NRHP Listed
St. Paul's Church Rectory	1117 Pendleton St	
St. Paul's Church Convent	1104 Pendleton St	
St. Paul's Church Girl's School	1118 Spring St	
St. Paul's Church Boy's School	501 E 12th St	
John G. Ahrens Building	1218 Sycamore St	
residential building	1216 Sycamore St (front and rear)	
Bernard Burdick Building	1212-1214 Sycamore St	
tenement building	1212-1214 Sycamore St (rear)	NRHP District (Sycamore-Thirteenth Streets Grouping)
commercial/residential building	1210 Sycamore St (front and rear)	
Stephen Gano Building	1208 Sycamore St	
tenement building	311 E 13th St	
Robert Sachs House	309-311 E 13th St	
tenement building	305 E 13th St	

APPENDIX D

SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ACT Inc.

1110 Main Street

721-8333

- Must be referred by Department of Human Services
- Aid in helping families stay off welfare, rent, utilities, computer training and GED program
- No fee, open 8:00am to 5:00pm

Anna Louise Home

300 Lytle Street

421-5211

- Boarding home
- ID and updated police check required
- \$50 deposit
- Fee is based on income
- By appointment M–F 10:30am – 5:00pm

City Gospel Mission Shelter for Men

1419 Elm Street

241-5525

- Meal provided
- \$10 per week
- ID with social security number
- Serve breakfast at 6:30 am and dinner at 6:30pm

Contact Center

1641 Vine Street

381-6672

381-4242

- For Hamilton County residents
- 28-day in-house center and 3-to 5-day detoxification center
- Fee based on income
- ID and mail dated within the last 30 days
- Open 24 hours

Drop Inn Center Shelter for Men and Women

217 W. 12th Street

721-0643

- Meal provided
- Open 24 hours

Emanuel Community Center

1308 Race Street

241-2563

- Children's community center
- Fee is based on income
- Meal provided
- Open Monday – Friday 7:00am – 5:00pm

Free Store Food Bank

112 E. Liberty Street

241-1064

- Food bank
- Provide clothing vouchers, hygiene products, fans, air conditioners and baby formula
- No fee, open Monday – Friday 8:15am – 11:30 am, 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless

1506 Elm Street
421-2701

- No occupancy
- Assist in locating housing for the homeless
- No fee, open Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Hamilton County Department of Jobs and Family Services

222 E Central Parkway
946-1000

- Open Monday – Friday 7:30am to 3:45pm

Hearne House, Inc.

1207 Elm Street
721-1950 OTR
861-2320 Corryville

- Group home for girls aged 7 - 18

IMPACT OTR

1718 Pleasant Street
241-8934

- Employ at risk youths and adults
- No fee, open Monday- Friday 8:00am – 7:00pm

Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

215 E 14th Street
579-8547

- Educational advocacy group
- Open Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Jobs Plus Employment Network, Inc.

1625 Vine Street
241-1800

- Assist in finding permanent employment
- No fee, open Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Joseph House, Inc.

1519 Vine Street
241-2965

- Men and women veterans only treatment program
- Transitional living
- Meal provided
- No fee, open Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Mary Magdalene House

1221 Main Street
721-4811

- Shower facility for men and women
- Open Monday – Friday 1:00pm – 4:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-12 p.m.

Our Daily Bread

1721 Logan Street
421-4172

- Serve meals from 10:00am – 11:45am
- No fee, open Monday – Friday

OTR Soup Kitchen

37 Back Street
241-5121

- Serve meals for 12noon to 1:00pm
- The last Tuesday and Thursday of each month serve dinner
- No fee, open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday

St. Francis Soup Kitchen

14 E. Liberty Street
421-2547

- No fee, Serve meals Monday, Wednesday & Friday 4:30pm to 5:15pm

St. John Social Services

1316 Main Street
651-6444

- Family shelter for single men or women with children
- 90 day shelter
- Meal provided
- No fee and open 24 hours

Salvation Army

1112 Clay Street
762-5660

- Transitional Living
- Meal provided
- No fee, open Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Second Mile Hospitality Shelter

1810 Race Street

684-9354

- 90 day living for men and women
- \$30 deposit
- Fee based on income
- No meal provided
- Open 24 hours

Seven Hills Neighborhood House

901 Findlay Street

632-7100

- Social Service Agency, daycare provider, senior program and emergency services (food, utilities)
- No fee open Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:50pm

SmartMoney Community Services

1731 Vine Street

241-7266

- Financial services
- Economic education

Tender Mercies

25 W. 12th Street

639-7043

- Men and women with mental health problems transitional living program
- Documentation of illness and homeless
- Fee is based on income
- Meal provided

Vine Street Neighborhood Service Center

1833 Vine Street

651-1292

- Provide clothing, home and can goods

Volunteers of America

1063 Central Avenue

381-1954

- Transitional living for the homeless
- Fee is based on income
- Open Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm

YWCA

898 Walnut

872-9259

- Battered women and children
- Meal provided
- No fee

APPENDIX E

FINANCING PROGRAMS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Housing Development Round

Provides loans or grants to developers to upgrade and create new multi-unit housing for both rental and homebuyer households.

New Housing Program

Provides for construction of new homes for owner-occupancy with a value of \$50,000 or more.

Neighborhood Development Corporation Support

Operating funds are provided on a competitive basis to nonprofit development groups engaged in developing new and rehabilitated housing primarily for low-to moderate-income renter and homebuyer households and special needs groups.

Homesteading Program

Recycles abandoned vacant and problem one-two-and three-family homes. Through a lottery, the homes are awarded to eligible recipients.

Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP)

Low interest loans to qualified moderate-and low-income homeowners to rehabilitate owner-occupied, one-to four-unit homes.

Housing Maintenance Services

Provides emergency repairs for low-income homeowners. Contact People Working Cooperatively or Norman, Inc. for information on current contractors.

Down Payment Assistance

Down payment assistance to low to moderate, first time homebuyers.

Shelter Plus Care

Five years of rental subsidy to homeless disabled persons (and their families) who are diagnosed with mental illness, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, or cognitive emotional disorders.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)

The current grant funds three agencies to provide financial assistance and supportive services to persons with HIV/AIDS. Assistance includes rent, mortgage, utility payments, and auxiliary services.

Rental Rehabilitation Program

Rehabilitation loans for rental properties.

Tax Abatement

Program encourages rehabilitation and new construction of structures through property tax incentives.

Neighborhood Support Program

\$10,000 in grant funds per year to assist neighborhoods in improving the quality of life and to encourage citizens participation in their communities.

State and Federal Grants

Grants are used to provide the following: intervention and crime prevention services for youth, substance abuse treatment for offenders and other populations, and parenting classes for adults.

Major Institution Support

Provides partial support to designated major arts and cultural organizations.

Competitive Grant Programs

Provides grants for artists and small and mid-sized arts and cultural organizations.

Downtown Housing

Program allows the opportunity to pursue the potential of investment for residential development, both rehabilitation and new construction within the Central Business District.

Lead Paint Abatement

Program administers a \$3 million lead abatement grant. It is designed to increase the number of lead-safe units within the City's housing stock.

General Fund Operating Grant Program

Cincinnati nonprofit agencies and community organizations may apply for a grant through the General Fund Operating Grant Program. Applicants must agree to use funds to provide services that are consistent with the City's Human Services Policy.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Cincinnati nonprofit and community organizations may apply for funding to renovate and improve buildings where social services are provided.

Emergency Shelter Grant Program

Funds for allocation to nonprofit agencies that are providers of emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless populations. Funds are available to cover operating expenses, essential services, and the cost of prevention activities.